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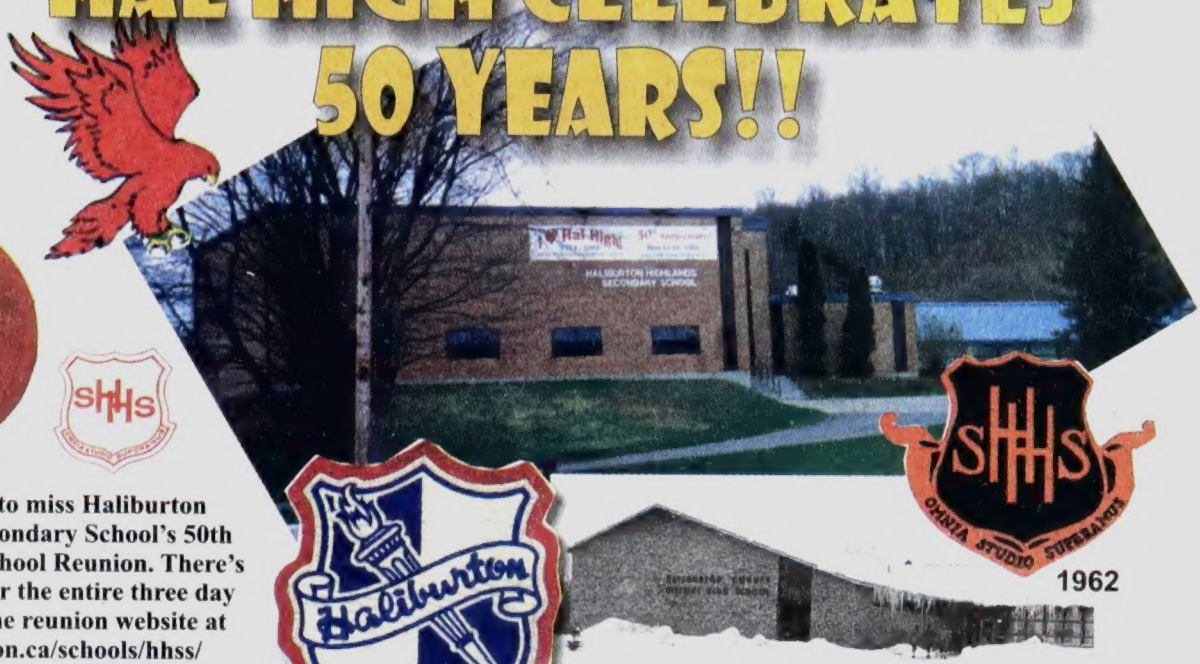

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The Guests That Won't Leave - What A "Stinky" Situation

Life has been anything but rosy for the past couple months at the Bisschop residence just outside of Minden. That's because the family has had some unwanted guests move in uninvited. One evening in March Donna Bisschop was awoken by the sound of digging under her bedroom floor. She hopped out of bed and began pounding on the floorboards. The digging continued throughout the night. Digging so intense and consistent that she had to retire to the couch for the evening, but could still continue to hear the little critters throughout the house. She did not sleep well this evening.

At 5 o'clock the next morning she discovered a hole outside her home. She picks up a rock and throws it down the hole hoping to scare the invader out. No luck, but the hole is now plugged. Donna felt that her job was accomplished and sent the kids off to school and went to town to do some errands. When she returned she was taken back by one horrible odour. Yep. Skunks!

"The first lesson I have now learned about living with skunks is that if you fill its hole while it is living under your bedroom it will spray," says Donna.

The family keeps a good sense of humour about the stinky situation, cooks up a garlic and onion based spaghetti dinner, tell skunk jokes and hit the sack. While in bed this next night Donna experiences déjà vu as the skunks begin digging a new tunnel- enter the basement. Back to the couch this night for Donna. "The second thing I learn about living with skunks is that if you send your kids to school smelling like skunks they won't be appreciated much. They were both home before lunchtime. I also learned that there is a chemical inside the spray that numbs your senses. This is good. I wouldn't want to go through all this knowing how badly we really stink," confesses Donna.

Donna planned the next day to send her two sons off to their fathers for the weekend. That would give her time to fix the problem. She is informed that tomato juice paste and sauce works well to neutralize the odour, so she pours the concoction down the holes. She also learns that sardines attract the black and whites, so she set a humane trap for her new friends. No luck here. It gets better. Roads are extremely foggy and the kid's father shows up too tired to drive the kids to his place and needs to crash on the couch for the night. Donna tries to sleep in her bedroom but due to the unmistakeable sound of digging and the horrible lingering odour she has to take a corner of one of her son's bed. Up and on her feet at 5 am the next day, delirious from lack of sleep, Donna has learned something else. "I've learned that skunks will do whatever the heck they want to do and you can't stop them. And if they don't like your attitude they will make your life very special indeed."

More traps, more effort – no luck again today. Next realization is that this action probably represents a mother skunk looking for a safe place to have her kits. Great! The extended family. Maybe a few beers could make things better. Nope. Donna walks into her bedroom and hears the invincible one run like mad under the floorboards. A new idea enters her head. She puts a boom box, finds the most raunchy rock and roll station she can and plays the stereo full blast at the top of her stairs toward the basement. Pillows go over her head, and she hits the couch for another night. "I already knew I couldn't sleep unless it was quiet. What I didn't know is that skunks can."

Donna spent the next day burning incense and trying to work. "I realized now that the surreal quality of time was a thing of

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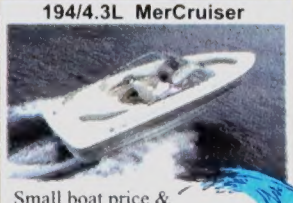

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Family Tries EVERYTHING... But Their "Unwanted Tenants" Won't Go...

"I have learned that skunks have a tenacity that I admire..."

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Donna with her sons, Josh & Taylor

the past. My senses were dull but my sense of humour was still in tact. Maybe it is just a capacity to thrive on the ridiculous. After all I live with two teenaged boys to whom bathroom humour is a second language. The next day I went to the dump and for the first time in my life I felt I actually belonged there. There no one looked at me funny. I didn't feel the need to explain why I was standing down wind from everybody," states Donna

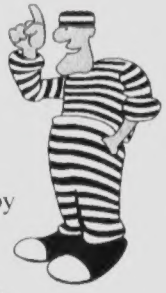
Mothballs, more tomato juice and one of the boys artfully pees down the hole. Two packs of incense inside. Things are starting to smell a little better. Donna keeps her spot on the couch. As she listens to the scraping and scurrying noises below she has learned even more. "I have learned that skunks have a tenacity that I admire. I'd love to find this little rascal and show him how much all this means to me! I've also learned that I have the capacity for violent thought against a small fury creature."

Donna has had different opinions offered to help rid her home of the little visitors but not much seems to be working. When I visited her home in late April the smell wasn't too bad, so perhaps the skunks won't at least spray again. Who really knows? In conclusion, Donna has this to say; " I don't know if I'll ever sleep again. I don't know if my kids will ever finish school. I don't know how this story will end. I do know that this goes into the ever-growing collection of stories one acquires from living in nature's pocket. I wouldn't have it any other way."

If anyone has any suggestions for Donna, feel free to email them to donnas_skunk@thecommunicator.ca. At press time, her free-loafing tenants were still living in the sublevel of Donna's home and after almost a month and a bit, she's running out ways to evict her unwanted houseguests.

Dumb Criminals

SENT PACKING: Charles D. McKinley, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y., had four weeks of vacation coming, so he decided to visit his parents in DeSoto, Texas. Rather than buy a plane ticket for $320, McKinley, a shipping clerk, packed himself into a shipping crate and air-expressed himself home, charging the fees to his employer. When the crate was delivered to his parents' front step, McKinley pushed out of the box and shook hands with the "shaken and frightened" delivery driver. The driver called the police. After an investigation by the FBI, the U.S. attorney, postal inspectors, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, McKinley was charged as a stowaway, a federal misdemeanor.



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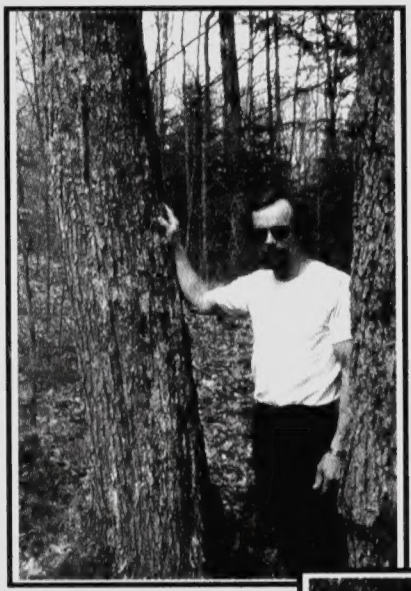
Got Property?... You May Want To Talk To Greg



So you have a woodlot-now what? Maybe you have decided it's time to do something with it, or maybe you're not sure what to do with it, after all it is just a bunch of trees right? Well, from a distance it would seem so, but a closer look will tell a totally different story.

Greg Kennedy of Kennedy Forest Products has some simple advice for woodlot owners and his advice, combined with his service could not only help your property, but also make you money.

Greg has been logging in Haliburton County for more than ten years now and is a tree marker who belongs to a sustainable forestry association and believes in sustainable harvesting.

In a nutshell, sustainable harvesting means removing some non-productive trees and some healthy trees to properly space out the remaining trees for optimum growth potential. Remember this is a nutshell, trying not to bore you to death with pages of silviculture details.

Greg explains that not all unhealthy trees are removed; your forest and wildlife even need some of them to survive.

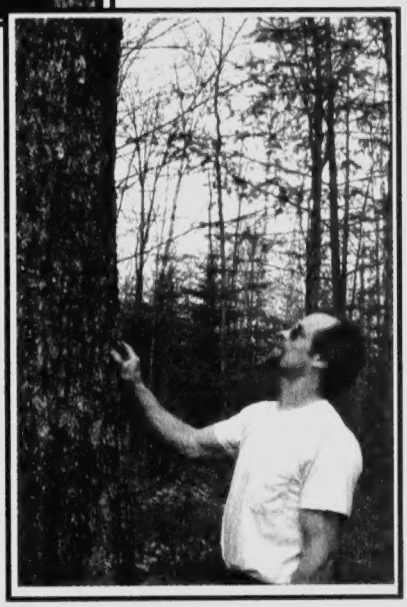
Planning, planning...

"Think of your woodlot as a garden and a forestry professional as your gardener. You know what happens in your garden if you don't weed it right? It becomes a mess of weeds you can't walk through that won't produce as many vegetables as a well cared for garden," explains Greg. That bunch of trees may be a whole ecosystem for plants, animals, and birds that live there. Maybe a stream, a hawk nest or a deer bedding area.

Marking your timber before cutting can give your forest a health boost, create usable trails for recreation, and protect, even enhance wildlife habitat and increase the productive growing rate of your trees and (bonus)-put some money in your pocket at the same time. If you have a lot, Greg will happily pay for the timber he removes, keeping in mind that he removes trees in a fashion that will not hurt your beautiful piece of property, but rather, help it.

If you are planning on building on your property now or in the near or even far future, Greg's method of forest management will in essence, only enhance your property so that you can enjoy for years to come.

If you currently reside on the property already, Greg's services can still be valuable. Remember, he knows what to cut and how to cut it so that your forest land will flourish better than if left alone.



A win-win situation as long as it is done properly

He may seem to go on about the 'properly' part, but with good reason. That backyard garden comes up every year faithfully whether or not we weed it, or even look at it all year, we just go harvest it in the fall and plant another one in the spring.

"Your forest is a bit of a different garden because we don't harvest it and then till it under, and grow a whole

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new one next year. After you harvest your trees you will probably have to wait 25 years before you can do it again and that's if it's done right the first time. If it were logged badly or if too many trees were taken this time around it may be 40-50 years before you could harvest it again and after a bad harvest you don't have those good potential growing conditions so the next harvest may very well be a poor one," he explains. "So you can see why it is so important to do it right the first time. Planning, Planning," stresses Greg.

Now he knows some of you have heard horror stories about logging or maybe you've seen a bush that looks like an atomic bomb went off where there used to be a forest, but all forests do not look like that after harvesting. "Harvesting done properly is good for the forest, the wildlife, the landowner and the local economy," he says.

Harvesting timber, no matter how well done, does make some mess with treetops on the ground, but animals munch on these tops or they do rot away in a couple of years. But there is no need for deep rutting or a lot of damage to the trees that are left. "That's next times' crop remember, we don't want to damage the trees or the root systems."

Kennedy Forest Products can take care of your goals for the forest such as recreation, maple syrup production, fuel wood, marketable timber and wildlife concerns and marking and harvesting your forest by writing a prescription based on the health of your forest, dealing with you on a one to one basis.

Greg will gladly show you why trees are marked the way they are and explain the steps all the way through the process.

For all your forest management, marking, timber cruising, volume estimates and harvesting needs give Kennedy Forest Products a call at 754-4579.

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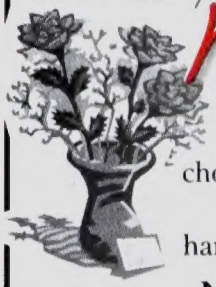

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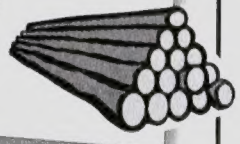

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It's Golfing Time: Here's Some History For All You Golf Lovers Out There

Golf originates from a game played on the coast of Scotland during the 15th century. Golfers would hit a pebble instead of a ball around the sand dunes using a stick or club.

The Royal and Ancient game had been flourishing on the links of Scotland long before Mary Queen of Scots found herself severely rebuked for playing golf at Seton House disrespectfully soon after the murder of her husband, Lord Darnley, in 1567.

It is known that golf was played at St. Andrews before the founding of the University there in 1411, and there is sufficient evidence to make a safe assumption that it was being played there in one form or another maybe even a century before that.

How golf actually originated will remain a mystery. It is a subject which has taxed the brains and research of eminent and learned men, but no irrefutable evidence has been found. One theory, and it is as good as any other so far put forward, is that fishermen on the east coast of Scotland invented the game to amuse themselves as they returned home from their boats.

What would be more natural than for a young fisherman, making his way across the rolling stretches of fine turf among the sand dunes, to pick up a crooked stick of driftwood and aim a blow at a pebble? If he knocked the pebble forward, the competitive instinct in man would demand that he hit it again to see if he could send it further.

If the pebble rolled into a sandy hollow where sheep had huddled for shelter against the icy blast, he would have been playing from the first bunker. It then requires no great leap of the imagination to develop that scene into a game between competing fishermen played across the links from boat to village, finishing at the same point each time, perhaps close to the local hostelry. If the pebble when last struck fell into a rabbit hole, then the game of golf would certainly have been "invented" and the forerunner of the 19th hole along with it.

The Golf Ball:

According to "The Dimpled Golf Ball" by Vincent Mallette - In the early days of golf the balls were smooth. Players noticed that as balls became old and scarred,

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Thank Heavens for Re-writes...

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The Morse Code... when you rearrange the letters ... it spells 'Here Come Dots'

Kinmount Rail Display Features Morse Telegraph Club Demo

The Kinmount Rail Station miniature display will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Victoria Day to Thanksgiving, thanks to a number of volunteers who came forth to help man the station during these busy weekends.

The display, which is a must see, is located at the Kinmount Station. There was fear that due to lack of manpower, that the display would not be open every weekend, but that fear has been put to rest after a plea appeared in the Communicator – volunteers came forward to save the day.

Visitors are encouraged to pop in for a visit and see the model display

Morse Telegraph Club Demonstrations:

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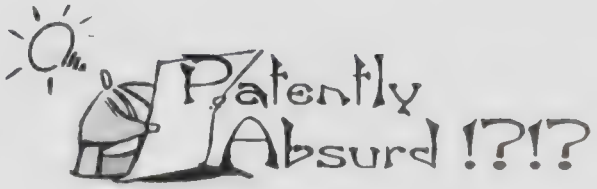

This one was almost too unbelievable...

Male/Female License Plates?

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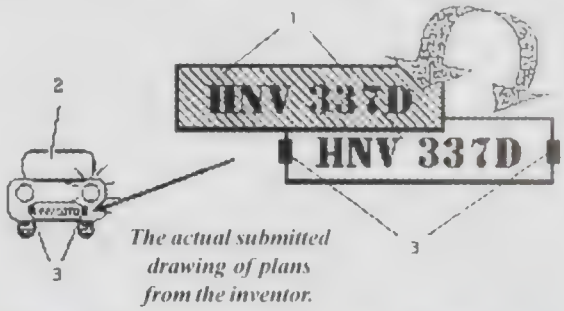

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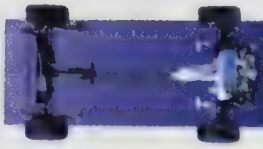

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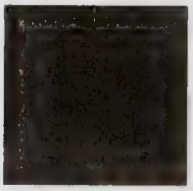

Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?

With the ever increasing rise in price of gas, we felt it's time to start running 'gas saving tips'. Watch for some great ways to save in the next few issues... Hey.. every little bit helps! Let's start with the most obvious...

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Submitted by Ray Gervais
(As Published in The Ottawa Citizen).

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Can you guess which organization this is....? It is the 301 MP's in the Canadian Parliament. The same group that cranks out hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line. Which one did you vote for?

How is it possible to have a civil war?

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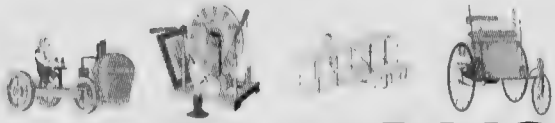

INVENTIONS

The Bicycle

Did you know the first bicycle that was made in 1817 by Baron von Drais didn't have any pedals? People walked it along. Then in 1865, pedals were added and people could ride their bicycles. The bicycles were made of wood. The first metal bicycle was called the High-Wheel or Penny Farthing. People had a hard time keeping their balance on this type of bicycle.

Baron Karl Drais von Sauerbronn - Early Bicycles

The German Baron Karl Drais von Sauerbronn invented the "Laufmaschine" or "Running Machine", a type of pre-bicycle. The steerable Laufmaschine was made entirely of wood and had no pedals; a rider would push his/her feet against the ground to make the machine go forward. Sauerbronn's bicycle was first exhibited in Paris on April 6, 1818.

It was not very efficient but it was faster than walking and many upper-class young men found it an amusing pastime. Before long, the "Draisienne," as the Baron's vehicle was known in France, became the latest society craze.

The Penny Farthing

The Penny Farthing is also referred to as the 'High' or 'Ordinary' bicycle, and the first one was invented in 1871 by British engineer, James Starley. The Penny Farthing came after the development of the 'Hobbyhorse', and the French 'Velocipede' or 'Boneshaker', all versions of early bikes. However, the Penny Farthing was the first really efficient bicycle, consisting of a small rear wheel and large front wheel pivoting on a simple tubular frame with tires of rubber.

Bicycles In Canada

Although we know of at least two Canadian companies who sold high-wheel bicycles in the 1880s—Thomas Fane and Company of Toronto, Ontario (810208) and Semmens, Ghent & Company of Burlington, Ontario—it was during the bicycle boom of the 1890s that bicycle manufacturing became an established industry in Canada. Some makers, like Massey-Harris, Goold and Welland Vale (930046), were already engaged in industrial production. Others, like Gendron, Thomas (900069) and Hyslop (760319), began life as bicycle makers. In 1898, the U.S industry was caught in a downward spiral of market saturation, over-supply and intense price competition. In an attempt to control supply and limit competition, 42 manufacturers formed the American Bicycle Company and soon afterwards announced plans to open a branch plant in Canada called the National Cycle Company. Five major Canadian makers followed suit in an attempt to fend off the American incursion and control the domestic market. In 1899, Massey-Harris, H.A. Lozier, Welland Vale, Goold, and Gendron joined forces to form the Canada Cycle and Motor Company (C.C.M.).

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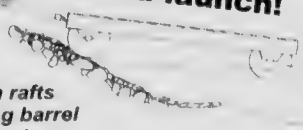

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History of Golf - Cont'd...

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they traveled farther. After a while players would take new balls and intentionally pit them. Eventually manufacturers caught on and supplied balls with dimples. The earliest golf balls were thin leather bags stuffed with feathers, they did not fly very far. The gutta-percha ball was invented in 1848 and could be hit a maximum distance of 225 yards. In 1899, the first rubber balls were used and when professionally hit reached distances approaching 430 yards.

The Golf Club:

Golf sticks have evolved from wooden shaft clubs to today's sets of woods and irons with durability, weight distribution and graduation utility. In the 1880s golf bags first came into use. "The beast of burden," or caddie, has all but disappeared, replaced by caddie and golf carts. The first powered golf car appeared around 1962, invented by Merlin L. Halvorson.

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The History of Miniature Golf

Garnet Carter was the first person to patent a game of miniature golf called "Tom Thumb Golf" in 1927, but there were a few earlier unpatented versions of miniature golf. Carter built his course on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee, to draw traffic to the hotel he owned.

After a while, the miniature course had become so popular, more people wanted to play on it than on the regulation greens. Cater accommodated their requests, charging a greens fee for this course as well.

While his little project was a great success, the deluge of people caused so much traffic that the miniature grounds were trampled on until it was un-playable. Carter, ever the businessman, secured rights to a vegetable fiber surface and installed this for his patrons to play on. The ability to provide a durable surface encouraged a slew of entrepreneurs to open miniature golf courses throughout the west into California as well as the Northeast. In fact, by the fall of 1930, more than 25 million people were miniature golf fans. The popularity of miniature golf seemed to lie in the fact that so much of it was dependent upon sheer luck instead of necessarily having to have skill - with beginners often having a viable chance of defeating seasoned duffers.

Pictured left:

Early caddies carried their player's clubs in their arms. Later crude bags were fashioned, making the caddie's job a lot easier.

"Fore" The Ladies Women's Golf League Sign Ups On May 7

This one is "FORE" the ladies. The Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf league is having a social evening and registration on May 7th at 7 p.m. at the Moose Bar and Grill located at Wigamog Inn in Haliburton. At the meeting you can register for the coming season as well as meet and mingle with other players. The cost to play in the league is $35 for annual dues, plus weekly discounted green fees. Games are rotated at different local courses with both 9 and 18 hole play available. The league is open to all ladies who wish to play and any skill level is accepted. There are also clinics put on for beginners. It is important to note that players are not committed to playing every week if they don't want to or can't make it. Member Dale Jewett says, "Cottagers are welcome even if they only want to participate for a month or so. You can play as much as you want or as often as you can find the time."

The ladies league plays from May 11th thru to the end of September. Games on the 9 hole courses are held on Wednesdays in the afternoons and Thursday afternoons for the 18 whole courses. Players can play both days if they choose for extra $10 annual dues. The league is for fun play with fun tournaments during the season and there are prizes every week that are not necessarily based on skill. The league makes for a great social outing for all you ladies out there who are looking for something fun to do during the summer and offers a great opportunity to make new friends. The league has over 120 members from all age groups. "We have 21 'Golden Oldies'- over the age of 70 at present," says Dale. To find out more on the league and register you can call Dale at 489-4895, or show up on May 7th for the registration at the Moose.

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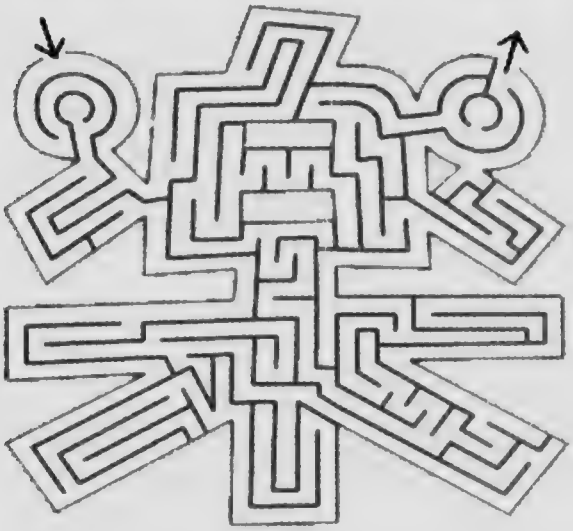


Up-coming Home Support Golf Tourniment Features Amazing Grand Prizes

Attention all golfers. What could be better than enjoying a great game of golf, a delicious BBQ roast beef dinner, supporting a great cause here in Haliburton County, and having a chance to win some great golf prizes all at the same time? It's the Haliburton County Home Support Services 4th annual Spring Golf Classic and it's being held at Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden on Saturday June 19th.

The shotgun start begins at 1:30 pm and $80 includes green fees, power cart, a BBQ roast beef dinner and chance for great prizes.

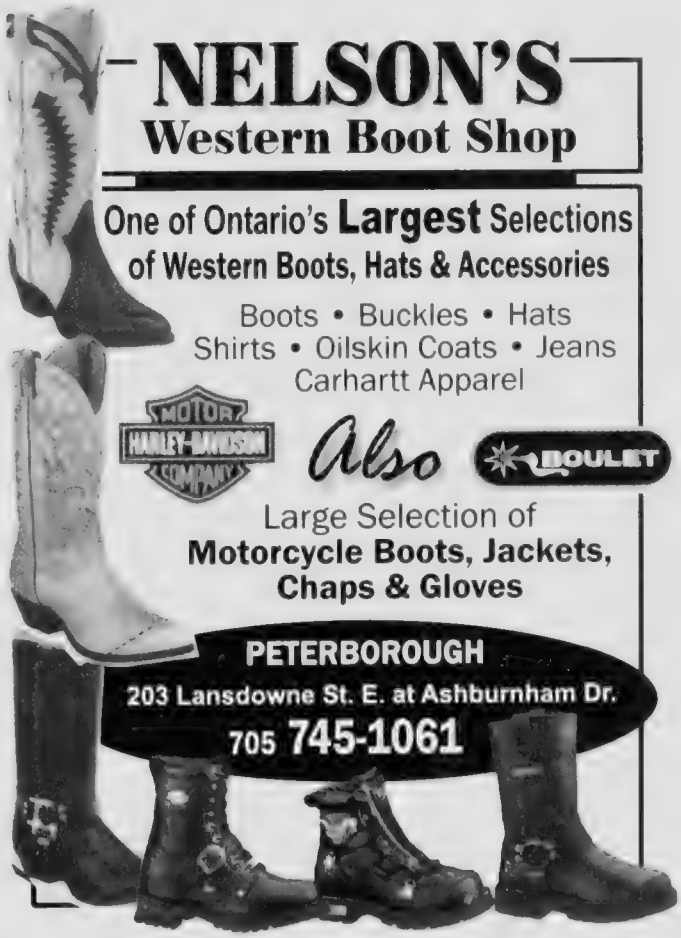
The grand prize is golf for four at Taboo Resort in Bracebridge (valued at $800), which is Mike Weir's home course. The winning foursome will also receive golf for four package at Beaverbrook Golf Course valued at $250. There will also be other prizes and trophies up for grabs, putting contests and much more. Haliburton Home Hardware has once again sponsored the hole in one contest.

This golf tournament is a major fundraiser for Home Support, which relies on donations, fundraising and planned activities. Home Support is a non-profit organization of registered volunteers who provide services to seniors and/or physically disabled adults where these services are not otherwise available.

To register for the golf tournament, donate a prize, be a sponsor or donate to the tournament or home Support, please call 457-2941. Charitable receipts will be provided for all sponsors. Remember, that June 20th is fathers day and a registration in the tournament would make a wonderful gift for dad!

LOOKS JUST LIKE HOME As a cargo ship on a run from Buenaventura, Colombia, to Miami, Florida, pulled into port five days after setting sail, a group of stowaways came running out of their hiding place to claim their place in the Land of the Free The only problem: the ship wasn't docking in Miami; it had mechanical problems after getting through the Panama Canal and had gone back to the nearest port – in Colombia. "They wanted the American dream, but they only made it to Cartagena," a police spokesman said. The five "sheepish looking" men were returned to Buenaventura by bus.

GOT MILK? Indiana farmer Tony Goltstein, seeking state approval for a 1,650-cow dairy farm, attended a packed public hearing on the matter. Barbara Peeg, who opposes Goltstein's farm, conducted a vivid demonstration: she put some cow manure in a jar of water, shook it, pointed out that the water looked clear even though she just contaminated it, and went back to her seat. Goltstein then walked up to the jar, took off the lid, took a drink of the water, and went back to his seat. He is still waiting for approval for his farm.



Barnum Lake Summer Market To Open Soon... Book Your Spaces Now!!

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Calling all flea marketers, crafts people, garage salers, exhibitors, home producers, artisans, collectors, artists, or anyone trying to sell some goods this summer. All going well, you will have a new venue to sell your product, and get some great exposure.

What we're talking about is the Barnum Lake Summer Market - the latest project and brainstorm of Haliburton resident Ron Stackhouse. Ron owns three buildings on County Rd. 1, one KM south of the hospital in Haliburton at South Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. One building is 8,000 square feet, one is 1,000 square feet and one has a 1,600 square foot covered porch. Ron plans to rent space on the property and in the buildings on Saturday afternoons from 9 am to 3 pm to anyone who is trying to get great location exposure and sell their goods. "I'm trying to attract vendors who are doing something a little different. Maybe they don't want to commit to retail space, and this way they can have a reasonable venue with limited hours and cost. Also vendors can make reservations at their convenience. Plus the market will be well advertised for them." Ron says he will have different sized rental spaces available and prices will range from $18 to $30 per day or they can rent by the season. He plans to start the Barnum Lake Market on Saturday June 19th and run it till Thanksgiving Weekend.

Ron also plans to have 12 categories of vendors per day and limit each category to only a couple each, meaning you will not go to the Barnum Lake Market and find say 5 vendors all selling the same type of goods. It will be diverse in product and services. "This is a win-win situation for all. It will be good for the vendors, good for the consumer, and I'm looking forward to making it a success. I'm hoping to attract a large number of people to the market so it in effect becomes a tourist destination," he says.

Limited 2 for 1 opening special for those who book early!!

So how did Ron come up with the idea for the summer market? "I currently use the big building for storage. I saw potential for something else on the property and was looking for something fun to do. I knew the farmer's market and trash and treasures sales were very popular. I just don't think in a small town there's enough of just one thing to create a market for it. With the summer market there will be a lot of variety. The feedback has been very positive and there's a group of vendors gung-ho to start already. I think it will have somewhat of a social aspect to it as well. We can possibly get into having live entertainment on the grounds later on down the road. We'll see what happens."

Space will be rented to vendors on a first come first served basis, and right now Ron is offering a limited 2 for 1 opening special for those who book early. Tables will be available at the market or you can bring your own. There will also be a limited number of spaces with hydro access. If you would like to book space at the Barnum Lake Market this summers please call Ron at 455-9355. Be sure to visit the market this season as you're sure to find a treasure and have a fun shopping experience.

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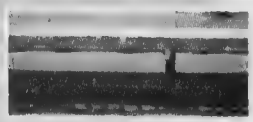

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Pat Gearing Up For 'Walk to End Breast Cancer'

Pat is one of 3,972 people who participated in last year's event.

Eagle Lake resident Pat Burke doesn't mind any sore feet she might incur for a couple days-after all it is for a great cause. Pat is one of over 3900 people who participated in last years first 'Weekend To End Breast Cancer' walk in Toronto, which has participants raise money through sponsors and pledges, and also has them walk 60 kilometres over a two-day period. This year she gearing up to take part in the phenomenal fund raiser once again.

Last year Pat raised $3800 through local sponsors, and together the 3972 participants raised over $12,000,000 which benefited the Princess Margaret Hospital for research and education. "It was a phenomenal success and there was no doubt that it would be done again this year," says Pat. All walkers had to raise a minimum of $2000 to register for the weekend, and Pat's goal this year is to raise $4000. "I was amazed at the support last year from people locally. I didn't approach anyone for corporate sponsors, it was all from individuals. It just blew me away."

Pat has her reasons to participate in the weekend event. She explains, "Everyone has their own favourite charities- usually because someone they know has been affected by something. My mother died from breast cancer when I was only 21 years old and left my father alone to raise 5 daughters. She was only 42 when she passed away from the cancer." Pat's sister Linda also participated in the walk with Pat last year and will do so again this year. Pat also points out that according to statistics from the National Cancer Institute of Canada, in 2003 one in nine women would be diagnosed with breast cancer. "So I have 5 sisters, and I say- will this be one of us? We need to find cures for cancer. We may not be able to prevent it. It's going to take money to find cures and we're committed to help raise money through this walk, " says Pat.

The "Weekend To End Breast Cancer will be held in Toronto Saturday and Sunday September 11th and 12th, and according to Pat it is projected that there will be 5000 walkers this year. Pat is hoping to get all her pledges in by June so she can be ahead of the game this year.

So how much walking is 60 km actually? Pat says they walked from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday (36 km) and 8 a.m. till 2pm on the Sunday. "Of course there were pit stops where we could get food and beverages and use the washrooms every so often. It is incredibly well organized. There is medical staff always on hand to help and they're all volunteers. There were cancer survivors that participated and people with cancer walking and I saw one woman with a walker doing it. It's simply amazing." The participants spend Saturday night at a camp and stay in tents and there is an "amazing" ceremony at the end of the weekend.

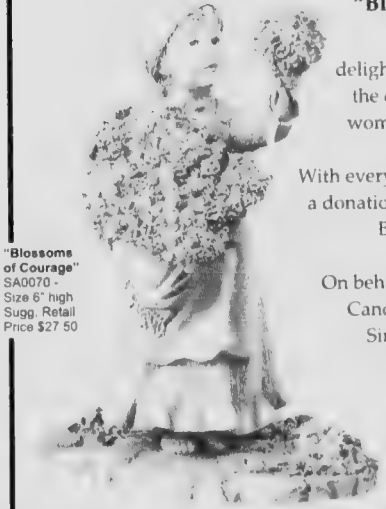
So now Pat is spending a lot of spare time walking around the Eagle Lake area preparing for the walk in September. "It's so encouraging when people who know me and know what I'm doing honk their horns and wave at me. I'm walking twice per week for 6 kilometres right now. I'm not an athlete and when I first heard about it last year,I thought I could never do it. Then I started walking around the highlands and it's really hilly here. Then I thought to myself - hey I'm healthy. I can do this," says Pat.

If you would like to sponsor Pat for her big walk in September you can either call her at 754-2637 or you can sponsor her online and also find out more about the Weekend to End Breast Cancer by visiting www.endcancer.ca. You can punch in Pats name and be taken to her website and pledge on the site. All pledges qualify for a tax receipt.

Best of luck Pat!!

The Gift That Says "Forever Yours"

by Artist Catherine Simpson



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I ♥ HAL HIGH

We asked local business owners & staff, who were also students of Haliburton Highschool "WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT HALIBURTON HIGH?"

Craig Meharrie C & S Contracting Wilberforce: "Brohman – he was easy going & compassionate to his students."

Joe Roberts – Roberts Marina Haliburton: "The friends I made."

Greg Scheffe - Haliburton Lumber (Timbrmart): "Lunch hour."

Don Van Nood – Halco Radio Shack - Haliburton: "The women."

Brett Irvine – The Highlands Communicator – "The teachers, like Mr. Lerpenier, Coliver, Brohman, Mr. Cooper, Frank Wallace – they were cool & made learning fun!!

Earl Sisson – Halco Radio Shack - Haliburton: "All the spares."

Brian Black – Sid Stamp Fuels - Minden: "Meeting and making new friends."

Lori Roberts – Photo Solutions - Minden: "Meeting my friends on the bus."

Anne Neave - Campbells Garden Centre Minden - "I had a lot of really good times with my friends."

Brian Hughes – Sid Stamp Fuels - Minden: "The women."

Vicki Dollo – Sid Stamp Fuels - "The freedom."

Dave Dollo & Diane- Dollo's IGA Minden - "It was great fun. The teachers were great. We have long term memories & we made long term friends."

They Made It: A Name For Themselves That Is:

Everyone always wonders who from their school made the bigtime.. celeb status and all that...

The following is a list of some of the more famous graduates of Haliburton High. This listing can also be found on the reunion website, along with other great memories.

Andrew Grand – 1960 - In his later years after graduation he achieved a Ph.d in Astrophysics, from The University of Toronto. And an honourary degree in Astronomy also from UFT. He is currently the research director at sub almae observatory in San Antonio, Texas. He has been part of many notable discoveries including that of the planet HCD334560 which may hold the key to life outside that of earth.

Mike

Mike Bradley - CFL Football Player Plays for the Edmonton Eskimos. Just won his first Grey Cup Championship in his second year of pro ball play.

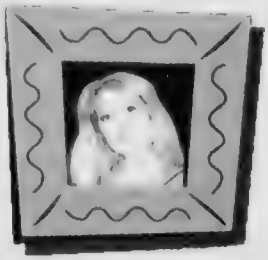
Ian Brohm – Entertainer in band - Recording Artist Barnard & Brohm

Ian

Bernie Nicholls - NHL Hockey Player - Nicholls, who would play 18 NHL seasons, also donned the colours of the Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks before hanging up his skates in 1998. In 1,127 regular season games, Nicholls, who appeared in three All-Star Games, scored 1,209 points, also notching 114 points in 118 playoff games.

Bernie

Alicia Sales - Singer/Entertainer - Alicia is a dynamic singer with a whirlwind stage presence and buoyant personality. Nothing ever gets in the way of this feisty chick



Alicia

Ron Stackhouse – NHL Player - Nicknamed "Stack." ... Became high school teacher and hockey school instructor in his native Haliburton after retirement. He stopped six penalty shots as a junior, prompting OHA to change rule and restrict penalty shots to goaltenders. He also set the Pittsburgh record with six assists in game, including four in one period, against Philadelphia on March 8, 1975. The six assists tied an NHL record for defensemen. ... Set Pittsburgh record with 14 shots on goal against Washington on April 3, 1976.

Ron

Lesley Tashlin - Olympic Track Star

Lesley

Robert Gow - Actor and Presentor commercials, industrial film, movie of the week, radio, stage, tv series, tv special.

Robert

Darren Warburton
Assistant Professor: UBC
Specialization: Exercise Science - cardiovascular physiology, clinical exercise rehabilitation, exercise physiology, health status in high risk populations, fitness assessment

Darren

Chris Hodgson - Member of Provincial Parliament

Reunion Schedule of Events:

Friday May 14, 2004 - 6:00 pm
Registration
Sign-up for Activities
Open House
Tours of the School
Memorabilia Exhibits
plus much more !!

Saturday May 15, 2004 - 10:00 am
Official Opening Ceremonies
Various Activities
Celebrate Education in Haliburton County
Buffet Dinner & Dance (Live Entertainment)
Visit Old Friends
Make New Acquaintances
Memorabilia Exhibit

Sunday May 16, 2004 - 11:00 am
Church Service
BBQ Lunch
Momentos
Memorabilia Exhibit

Sunday May 16, 2004 - 3:00 pm
Closing Ceremonies

CRAZY But True Law Suits

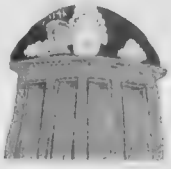
Cole Bartiromo, 18, of Mission Viejo, Calif. After making over $1 million in the stock market, the feds made Bartiromo pay it all back: He gained his profits, they said, using fraud. Bartiromo played baseball at school, but after his fraud case broke he was no longer allowed to participate in extracurricular sports. Bartiromo clearly learned a lot while sitting in federal court: he wrote and filed his own lawsuit against his high school, reasoning that he had planned on a pro baseball career but, because he was kicked off the school's team, pro scouts wouldn't be able to discover him. His suit demands the school reimburse him for the great salary he would have made in the majors, which he figures is $50 million.

It's The Law!

In Essex Falls, New Jersey, an old law stated that ducks could not quack after ten P.M.

The states of Illinois, Montana, and Minnesota all require by law that dentures have their owner's social security number on them.

In Kansas, It's against the law to stack more than eight dishes!



King Amanullah of Afghanistan tried to pass a law requiring all of his followers to wear bowler hats.

Paul I, emperor of Russia (1754-1801), issued proclamations and orders dictating how his subjects should dress, and issued fines to people wearing pantaloons, trousers, tailcoats, boots, or waistcoats!

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The Royal Canadian Legion Speaks Out Against Hate-Motivated Crimes In Toronto and Other Areas Of the Country

Members of the Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion are saddened and angered by the recent rash of hate crimes in Toronto and elsewhere in this country and stands with the vast majority of Canadians in deploring these despicable deeds. The Provincial President of the Ontario Command Erl Kish said "Canadian servicemen and women have fought against this kind of oppression in too many foreign lands to tolerate these events on our own soil. We believe fundamentally in the rights of all our citizens to enjoy the freedoms Canada holds so dear, including the right to practice their religion without harassment."

Ontario Command commends the efforts and participation of the Lt. Governor of Ontario, the Premier, the Mayor of Toronto, and the Chief of Police in Toronto in rallying the support of all Ontarians against these hate crimes. "We must act out against hate to ensure peace," says Kish. For more information please contact the Ontario Command Legion headquarters at 905-841-7999.

I Swear To Tell The Truth... Even if it's silly...

This column has tidbits of real transcripts from real court cases. In other words... the following statements were actually made in a real court of law. Enjoy... We will run a couple of these periodically.

"Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?"

"The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?"

"Were you alone, or by yourself?"

"Were you present when your picture was taken?"

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Lange On The Law

by Donald J. Lange
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A Property Sale by Court Order

Jointly owned properties can create legal problems if one owner wants to sell. Consider this example. A house or cottage is owned by two or more people. The owners may be family members or business partners. One of them wants to sell because there is a rift in the relationship, or for other reasons. The other owner will not agree to list the property for sale. What can be done?

People owning property jointly are not bound to the relationship forever. If a sale cannot be agreed upon amicably, there is legislation available to resolve the dispute. The *Partition Act* provides that any person who has an interest in land with another person may bring an application before court to order that the property be sold. The test is whether it is more advantageous to the owners that the property be sold rather than partitioned. The obvious example is a cottage shared by siblings who no longer get along. The cottage will be sold. The court's discretion is only limited to cases where the applicant has behaved maliciously toward the other owner.

One weakness in this nineteenth century legislation is that there is no discretion to order a right of first refusal in the purchase of the property. Any owner wanting to own the property as sole owner must make an offer when the property is listed for sale in the open market. It is, therefore, prudent for such an owner to attempt to purchase the property from the other owner privately before the matter escalates into a court proceeding. Agreeing upon the market value of the property is often the stumbling block but, if market value can be settled, a successful purchase is net of real estate commissions.

In the next column, I will be talking about adverse possession of land, that is, possession of land similar to a squatter's right to land.

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Courtroom Tidbits:

When Tristan Ellis, 18, appeared before Northern Territory (Australia) Supreme Court Justice Dean Mildren to face breaking-and-entering charges, Mildren saw that he had been arrested before — on 28 counts — but had been released on bail. While he was out, he racked up 17 more counts. Judge Mildren demanded to know who "the idiot" was that granted such a "lowlife crim" bail. A check of court records found the idiot was none other than Judge Mildren.

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Teachers Survey Local Businesses

Teachers with Trillium Lakelands District School Board have been interviewing local employers over the past few weeks. The purpose for the interviews is to develop and plan "Destination Success", a new education pathway for students who will enter the workplace in communities within Muskoka, Haliburton, and the City of Kawartha Lakes directly after high school.

Using research from Human Resources Development Canada, selected teachers of Grades 7 to 12 interviewed employers from their local communities to learn first hand about the skills and work habits students will need to be successful in these local businesses and to grow and develop as valued employees. The interview focused on literacy, communication, and numeracy skills in addition to the specific technical skills and work habits students will need to build rewarding careers

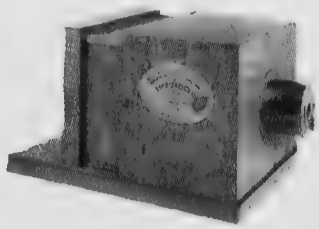
Employers selected by the Destination Success project research team were asked to provide information about industry certifications, health and safety requirements, co-operative education and work experience opportunities and employment prospects for students. In addition, teachers asked employers for authentic workplace resources and future contacts they may be able to use in their classrooms.

The research information, collected by more than 50 teachers and confirmed by over 250 local employers, will be summarized and used to develop and plan more appropriate curriculum activities and course options for students planning on seeking employment locally immediately upon leaving secondary school.

"Destination Success is about thinking differently and redefining success in our schools. The input from local employers will assist teachers in developing programs and schools in developing valuable pathways," stated Student Success Principal, Janis Medysky. "The destination of all TLDSB students must be valued."

This is an exciting initiative of the Student Success staff," stated School Board Chair, Bob Orr. "I appreciate the cooperation of local businesses in supporting this survey."

Why is a boxing ring square?



The Beginning of the Camera

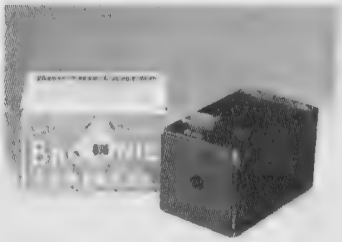
Joseph- Nicephore Niepce, France, ca. 1827

Many inventors worked to find a way of recording an image permanently. But Niepce was the first to take what we would now call a photograph. He set up a camera in the window of his home, left it there for most of the day, and wound up with a grainy, blurry photograph of the rooftops nearby. One photograph took several hours. Imagine how tired you could get of standing perfectly still and saying "Cheese."

Brain Teaser of the Month

Okay... At first this looks extremely wierd.. but if you look really close you will soon find that the picture is quite natural, and not that hard to recreate. At hint... just look for the actual head.

Kodak Says No More 35mm Cameras...



PICTURE THAT: More than 100 years after it introduced the Brownie camera, Eastman Kodak Co. has announced it will discontinue marketing 35mm and APS film cameras in North America and Western Europe by the end of the year. Kodak says it will concentrate instead on digital models.

Websites of Interest

Hey Kids... If you have access to a computer and the web, visit www.youthonline.ca/mothersday where you can find printable "greatest mother" certificates. You can also find printable coupons which make a great gift. These coupons can be redeemed by mom and include offers such as "one clean up my room coupon", or "one free hug" coupon, or "one give mom a quiet morning" coupon, etc These are great, they are free and mom will love them. But remember, you must honour the coupon when mom hands it into you sometime in the future.

There are also other great things on this site just for kids, but these two things seemed fun and are easy, quick homemade gifts your mom will love. Enjoy.

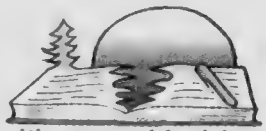
New Talking Books Added To Collection

The Haliburton County Public Library is pleased to announce that through donations from the Minden Lionettes, and the Haliburton Order of the Eastern Star, new talking books have been added to the collections.

This generous financial support is very much appreciated. Adventure, mystery and romance will fill the air when you order any of these books on tape through your local branch or through the Haliburton County Public Library's website at www.libris.ca/hali

Local Author Paddling Solo

by: Arlene Johnston



Haliburton Highlands
Writers' and Editors' Network

Jim Poling Sr., well known author of 'The Canoe' 'Tom Thomson: The Life and Mysterious Death of the Famous Canadian Painter' 'The Decoy' and 'Lights in Dark Forests' will be guest speaker at the next Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network breakfast.

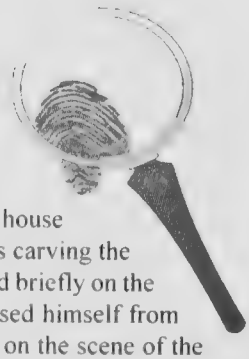
He is an author specializing in outdoor themes and is a frequent contributor to Cottage Life, Ontario Out of Doors and a variety of other magazines and newspapers.

The winners of Canoe FM's Write Stuff contest will be awarded their prizes at the breakfast meeting also.

A table will be provided for writers' business cards, brochures or literature for distribution. Authors may also make available their books or products for sale. If you are unable to attend and would like an announcement made, please contact Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 or e-mail at bpjohnson @ sympatico.ca.

Everyone is welcome to attend, as Jim Poling Sr., retired general manager and editor of The Canadian Press News Agency shares his thoughts and insights on Saturday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m., in the Kinmount Room of the Delta Pinestone Resort. Reservations are essential. Please contact Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by Wednesday May 12. The cost is $13 for HHWEN members and $16 for anyone wanting to reserve a seat.

Who Dun-It



Detective Minden had invited a full house over for thanksgiving dinner. He was carving the turkey when the phone rang. He talked briefly on the phone and then apologized and excused himself from the kitchen and left. Minden arrived on the scene of the crime and parked behind the other three police cruisers on the scene.

He entered the home of Eric Jones, a local lobbyist. Eric's body lay crumpled over the desk in his office. There was a small puddle of blood on the desk, and a revolver lay beside him to his right. An open letter lay to his left.

"Looks like a suicide to me. They say he was one of the most powerful men in the area," said Constable Irondale. "He lived with a lot of pressure."

"And no doubt a lot of enemies," said Minden.

His wife says he was very upset over a letter he just received today by the mailman. She said he walked into his office the second he received the mail and closed the door. A few minutes later she heard the shot. She says she then ran in here and found him like this."

"What's with the letter?" asked Minden.

"The letter is from an MP threatening to have him indicted for bribery and fraud. His wife said he stood to lose everything even if the accusations were never proven," said Irondale.

It looks like murder more than suicide to me," said Minden as Mrs. Jones entered the room. "And here's our first suspect," Minden added.

The detective and Irondale looked at each other and then at Mrs. Jones who began to turn very pale.

Why does Detective Minden suspect Mrs. Jones?

answer on pg. 63...

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Kidz Korner

A Look At Telescopes & How To Make One

By Trevor Guyton

In this month's edition of Kidz Korner we will be looking at telescopes. We will be looking at how a telescope works and also how to build one at home. First let's look at how a telescope works. Even though he didn't make the first telescope, Sir Isaac Newton made the telescope that you might have at home. In his design a large magnifying glass is placed at the front of the telescope and at the back a concave mirror(a concave mirror is a mirror that
is curved inwards like a cave) gathers light shining down from wherever you are looking(the light is what allows you to see the image you are looking at). Then the light bounces off the mirror into a magnifying glass on the side of the telescope where an eyepiece is.

In the telescope the first magnifying glass makes the image you are looking at bigger and the 2nd one makes the image clear because when it goes through the first magnifying glass it is quite blurry.

To make a simple telescope at home, you will need the following:
- two magnifying glasses - perhaps 1 - 1.5 inches (2.5-3 cm) diameter (it works best if one is larger than the other)
· a cardboard tube - paper towel roll or gift-wrapping paper roll (it helps
if it is long)
· duct tape
· scissors
· a ruler, yard stick, or tape measure
· sheet of paper with writing on it - newspaper or magazine will do

To assemble your telescope, do the following:

1. Get the two magnifying glasses and a sheet of paper.
2. Hold one magnifying glass (the bigger one) between you and the paper. The image of the print will look blurry.
3. Place the second magnifying glass between your eye and the first magnifying glass.
4. Move the second glass forward or backward until the writing becomes clear. You will notice that the print looks bigger and upside down.
5. Have a friend measure the distance between the two magnifying glasses and write the distance down.
6. Cut a slot in the cardboard tube near the front opening about an inch (2.5 cm) away. Do not cut all the way through the tube. The slot should be able to hold the large magnifying glass.
7. Cut a second slot in the tube the same distance from the first slot as the distance your friend wrote down. This is where the second magnifying glass will go.
8. Place the two magnifying glasses in their slots (big one at front, little one at back) and tape them in with the duct tape
9. Leave about 0.5 - 1 inch (1 - 2 cm) of tube behind the small magnifying glass and cut off any excess tube remaining
10. Check to see that it works by looking at the printed page

You may have to play slightly to get the exact distances between the two glasses right so that the image comes to a focus.

Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking

Why is blue for boys and pink for girls?

In ancient times, it was believed that certain colours could combat the evil spirits that lingered over nurseries. Because blue was associated with the heavenly spirits, boys were clothed in that colour, boys then being considered the most valuable resource to parents. Although baby girls did not have a colour associated with them, they were mostly clothed in black. It was only in the Middle Ages when pink became associated with baby girls.

Holness Yoga Studio Opening In Haliburton

You may have seen signs of Haliburton's newest arrival The Holness Yoga Studio. Gail Holness has been brimming with excitement ever since she found a home for it The Holness Yoga Studio is nestled behind The Hair Stylist in the old Banks General Store on Pine Avenue in Haliburton

Gail, a long time fitness enthusiast, learned first-hand the value of yoga Through yoga and learning how to listen to her body, she was able to avoid back surgery successfully. With renewed flexibility and an inner calmness realized through yoga, she went on to become a Certified Fitness Instructor. Realizing the importance of stretching properly, she began incorporating yoga postures into the cool down portion of her fitness classes. Fortunately, the club she was working at realized the benefits of yoga and organized a course in "Yoga Group Exercise". The course was tailored to teaching yoga in a fitness environment. While she enjoyed it immensely, it wasn't enough. The more she read, the more she realized that she wanted to study yoga where yoga began. In January of this year, she travelled to India in order to gain a deeper understanding of yoga.

She trained to become a Yoga Siromani (Yoga Teacher) at the Sivanada Yoga Ashram in Neyyar Dam. The Sivanada organization has trained over 14,000 teachers. They teach through the Gurukula System ('Guru' meaning teacher; 'kula' is home). The student lives in the teacher's home and is responsible for daily chores during their studies. Mornings start at 5:00 a.m. with bells signalling meditation time in the temple. The day surges to life very early in India with roaring lions, people chanting and celebrating, music from nearby temples blasting through loud speakers and exotic birds singing and flying through the open-air temple. At 7:30 it's time for a cup of Chi, a traditional, spicy Indian tea. A two- hour Asanas (yoga poses) class follows. Breakfast is in the temple at 10:30 sitting cross-legged on the floor and always in silence. All meals consist of rice and some vegetable and are eaten using fingers of the right hand only. Breakfast is followed by karma duty, 4 hours of lectures, another 2-hour Asana class, dinner (same fare as breakfast), 1-1/2 hour break (time to do assignments due the next morning), and finally back to the temple for talks and evening meditation.

Gail Holness at her studio in Haliburton

Photo by Robert Morfey

Gail was amazed at the large number of students who, like herself, had become interested in yoga for health-related issues. The benefits of yoga are many and can be had by all. The only requirement is a desire to feel better. It is a form of physical exercise that encourages rejuvenation and relaxation. Gail has tried to design a class schedule that will encourage people of all ages and fitness levels to come out and enjoy yoga as often as they like. There are morning and evening guided meditations, which can be combined with a relaxing yoga class. The Relaxing Yoga class is perfect for anyone new to yoga, limited in flexibility or suffering with arthritis, sore joints or fibromyalgia. It is gentle and slow with an emphasis on breathing, releasing muscle tension, opening up the joints and relaxation.

The Sivanada Yoga class is faster in pace and more challenging for someone who wants to increase their flexibility and explore the benefits of different breathing techniques.

Finally. There is a noon hour and a 4:30 Yogafit class for people with busy schedules wanting to get into shape. The Yogafit class combines yoga with Pilates, Yoga Ball exercises and some cardio for an overall workout.

If you are interested in more information, contact Gail at 455-9294 or e-mail gailh@vianet.ca.

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"Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do..."

- Benjamin Franklin

No matter how hard you try to please some people, they'll still find some reasons to be dissatisfied. If you're not careful, you'll leave an encounter with them totally drained of energy. What to do? Fisrt off, do your best to steer clear of such people. If that's not possible because you have to live or work with them, then remind yourself that nothing you do is likely to make much difference, so do your best and choose not to take their criticisms personally. And most important, don't allow their attitudes to determine your own.

Looking Good

Advice from the Beauty Expert

Problem: You tried a facial mask, and now you have a facial rash.

Beauty Rx: Rhoda S. Narins, M.D., director of the Dermatology, Surgery and Laser Center in Manhattan and White Plains, New York, recommends this natural soother: Dip a tissue into a mix of 1/4 cup cool water and 1/4 cup whole milk. Apply the tissue to irritated area for five to 10 minutes, two or three times a day. Once a day apply a 1-percent cortisone cream. If the rash persists after three days, see your doctor.

Prevention 101: Never apply a mask after using retinoids such as Renova and Retin-A, or after using an exfoliating pad such as the Buf Puf. Removing dead cells leaves skin more sensitive. Before using any mask, do a patch test on the inside of your arm. Leave mask on for five minutes; wait 24 hours. If you have no reaction, it's probably gentle enough for your face.

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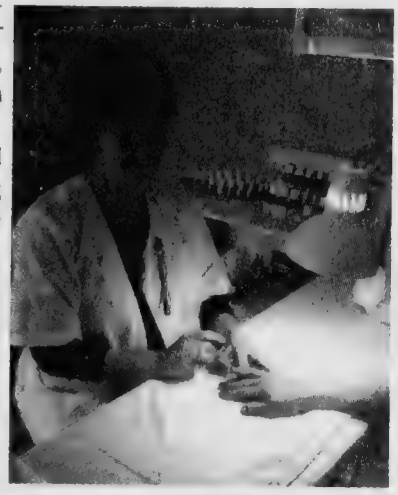
Exquisite Nails: Laureen A True Pioneer Of Nail System

Laureen Wright is more than a nail technician. She is one of Canada's foremost authorities on the business... you may even say a "Nail Guru". Laureen operates Exquisite Nails and Esthetics in Haliburton and is currently celebrating her 24th year in the business. Why a Guru you ask? In the early 80's Laureen was practicing skin care in Toronto and became interested in nail care. She searched and searched for information on manicure and pedicure procedures till she was blue in the face. She could find no technical information anywhere. Finally she discovered a private school in Michigan and left home to learn the true art south of the border taking courses in esthetics and advanced esthetics. Laureen completed her training and, as she says, "I came back to Canada and improved on it."



Laureen now realized there was lack of training for professionals in the field. Since there was not an in-depth comprehensive school of nail care in Canada, Laureen decided it was time to start one. In 1983 Laureen opened 'The Nail Institute' in Scarborough. Today the school is the still the only nail educational institute recognized by the Government. "I knew people in the hair salon business who were just screaming for nail people. The market drove it – the salons needed people trained in esthetics that specialized in natural and artificial nails. The school was started to give the technicians the training they would need," says Laureen.

Laureen soon found herself training the esthetical teachers at Sheridan, Seneca, and Mohawk Colleges in Toronto and sitting on the advisory board at Sheridan. In 1985 she opened "Nail Tech's Supply Company", (a business still operating today) that supplied both the schools and the technicians with top quality eshthetic products. Laureen sold the company in 1995.

While still perfecting the art, Laureen in 1998 met with the director for colleges and Universities in Los Angeles, California, and wrote training manuals for the schools. The manuals covered fibreglass, glue, and acrylic methods for the L.A students. "The supply companies also use the manuals. They cover any thing for any product.," says Laureen.

She has also written articles for 'Hairdresser Magazine' and 'Nails Magazine' in the United States. In 1991 Laureen brought the first ever Nail Show and Competition to Canada. It was held at the Exhibition Place in Toronto. Laureens accomplishments

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Laureen Has Written Books On The Topic Of Nails Including Instruction Books For Colleges

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go on and on.

In 1998 Laureen moved to the Highlands and began Exquisite Nails and Esthetics. She offered her services out of some local salons and then opened her business in a storefront location above Mingles restaurant on Highland Street in Haliburton. "The location got too much traffic coming in off the street for just me to handle, so I decided to move the location to the house. Now it's more personal and private. We don't overbook and people are never rushed. It's more like a private club," says Laureen.

When you visit Exquisite Nails and Esthetics you will also be greeted by another happy face. Sonya Paterson has been working with Laureen for the past two years and has her diploma as a nail therapist. (Guess who her teacher was?) "I feel privileged to have learned from Laureen," says Sonya. "When you learn from her it's quite in depth. You study for diseases and problems with the body as well. There's a lot more to nails than one would think."

Something one may not think about when it comes to nail care is the medical aspect of the business. "Clients can have medical conditions that could turn a normal polish into a disaster," says Laureen.

Exquisite Nails and Esthetics offers more than just nail care to their clients. You can see them for facials and skin care as well. Laureen has some new products and services in store to celebrate her 24th year in the industry including fibreglass nails, UV top coats, Italian liposome facials and tropical sea salt back treatments. Laureen says the products and the technology has advanced over the years but for the most part the methods have not.

Laureen says if someone is considering having his or her nails done to consult with a professional and have a nail analysis done. "The goal for the customer should be to start with extensions while growing their own nails underneath until the natural nails can be exposed and then keep a protective nail covering over them. Remember that artificial nails require the same amount of care as natural nails."

If you have any questions for Laureen or would like to book an appointment with her or Sonja, please call 457-8822. Exquisite Nails and Esthetics is located on Sunnyside Street at Pine Street in Haliburton village and is open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 6pm by appointment only.

Far left is Laureen working on nails. Immediate left is Sonya giving Laureen a facial. Below is the building that houses Exquisite Nails & Esthetics.

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by Lance Edwards

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Chris Coumbs Back To Doing What He Loves Best: Selling Auto Parts

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Haliburton resident Chris Coumbs is back to doing what he does best and what he loves to be doing- working with auto, marine, atv, snowmbile and forestry parts, and accessories, and tinting windows on vehicles and buildings.

Chris' new business is called CC Enterprises and is located on the Harburn Road just outside the village of Haliburton. "This is what I've been doing for 15 years it seems like forever and I love the business. It's definitely a good job," he says.

CC Enterprises was opened in January of 2004 and offers all parts and supplies for automotive, forestry, snowmobiles, ATV's and marine at discounted prices. Chris has a limited number of popular parts in stock and all parts and accessories not in stock can be delivered overnight and ready for the customer the next morning. Chris has access to s a huge selection of parts from different manufacturers, he has five warehouses to choose from, and offers a complete line of AC Delco parts. "I've got a new computerized cataloguing system now so it's much faster to look up parts and find the best prices out there," Chris explains.

Chris operated a business called DC Auto in Haliburton for 4 years. "This is just a smaller version of that. There was a lot of overhead having a downtown retail location, but now by working from home, I can keep my costs way down and pass the savings on to my customers. I don't have to charge manufacturer suggested list prices now. I'm happy to just make a fair pay check for myself, not a fortune. The busier I am the cheaper I can sell the parts for. I can match and beat even Canadian Tires prices right now," he says.

Window Tinting On Home & Auto:

One of the specialties of CC Enterprises is window tinting on vehicles and residential. "I don't think people know they can get their windows tinted up here, but I've been doing it for twenty years. Tinting can make a huge difference to your vehicle. First of all the privacy factor, and it can cut down on UV rays that can cause cracking and fading in the vehicle. Of course then the appearance of the vehicle is hugely enhanced. I always say you can add $1000 to the value any vehicle once the windows are tinted." CC Enterprises can tint the average regular cab pickup truck for $130 and the average five-window car for $250.

Considering tinting the windows on your home? Consider this. Chris says you can count on stopping about 90% of the heat coming in your home in the summer from the sunlight- a huge plus and savings on your hydro if you're running air conditioning. Also if you've ever seen tinted windows on a home it does have a very pleasing look to it and offers privacy without curtains or blinds, thus allowing you to still have an unobstructed view out your window at all times.

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Auto Detailing:

Another service of CC Enterprises is auto detailing. From dressing up your vehicle with pin striping, adding mag wheels, spoilers and more to having your vehicle waxed and shampooed, Chris can help you achieve the look you're after. Do you need a CD player or a premium

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pictured is Chris's home. The front windows have been tinted - a service offered by Chris. His shop is located in the building next to his home..

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Chris is a familiar face to many in the Highlands as he was born and raised in Haliburton. He is the son of Sam and Bonnie Coumbs and brother of Ken Coumbs. Chris has one daughter, Meghan and was recently engaged to marry Natasha Bunn. (Cat's out of the bag now guys!)

If you need some help with anything that CC Enterprises has to offer be sure to give Chris a call. "My hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday but I'm more than willing to help people after hours if they need something. I'm all about service. That's how you make your paycheck," he says. CC Enterprises can be reached at 457-5334.

Chris has common parts in stock, and can order any parts and have them to you next day service!!

Northern Pike Festival May 22

Great news for all you anglers looking to check out some excellent pike fishing on Elephant Lake. On May 22nd, Elephant Lake Lodge will be hosting a Northern Pike Festival, which will provide a great day of fishing fun, food and prizes

The fishing tourney will consist of two person teams, and cost $50 to enter a team, which includes a fish feast afterwards. All fish caught will go into the feast and will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will be bbq'd, baked, battered, deep-fried and fried. Everyone is welcome to the feast for $8.99 per plate.

The fishing starts at 7 a.m. and weigh in is at 2 p.m. All boating and fishing regulations apply. There will be prizes for 1st to 5th and a big fish prize. For an entry form and for more information contact Elephant lake lodge at 448-2861 Elephant Lake lodge is just a few minutes drive from the village of Harcourt and the lake is renowned for it's excellent fishing for Pike, Muskie, Bass, and Pickeral.If you haven't fished Elephant Lake before you haven't fished yet!

Hockey Talk with Walt

by Walt Mckechnie
Former NHL Player

I had the pleasure the past week to meet Jordin Tootoo's parents. They were on their way home from watching their son play in the NHL playoffs against Detroit. Jordin plays for Nashville. They said it was very exciting even though Nashville lost.

They were on their way back to Rankin Inlet and I sure enjoyed talking to Jordin's dad, Barney. It was so interesting listening to him tell me all about life in Rankin. We shouldn't complain about our weather. He was telling me that they have dogsled races on the Hudson Bay during the first week of July. He invited me to come up for a visit someday and told me he would make me some traditional meals like whale, seal, caribou and bear. It sure would be an interesting visit.

I asked if they have golf and he said, "Yes, but you putt on mats." Maybe it would help my putting.

Like I said, it was so interesting to talk to Jordin's parents and hope to see them again someday soon, either here in Haliburton or at their home in Rankin.

Now, I will talk to you about the playoffs. I have some good news for all the ladies...there is only about 6 more weeks of playoffs on TV. Please bear with your husbands and sons having control of the remote.

I had the pleasure to go to the Leaf game on Wednesday when they won 4-1. What a great, exciting game. Right from the start of the game it was good old Canadian hockey. Wade Belak set the tone of the game by being in Brashear's & Primeau's face on the first few shifts. The rest of the Leafs followed and took it to the Flyers.

A lot of fans probably wonder why the game is so much better in the playoffs. The most important factor is the thrill of winning the Stanley Cup. Most players grew up dreaming about that day...winning the cup. There has been a lot of seventh game overtime goals scored in someone's back yard rink or in the summer playing road hockey. Next, the players seem to pick their games up to another level and if you don't, you won't be playing very long. The losers get to book tee-off times for golf.

I don't know if you noticed but, at the end of the seventh game against Ottawa, Darcy Tucker was motioning to the Ottawa bench with his stick, pretending he was golfing. He was just telling the players to start practicing their swing and to book their tee-off time. Hockey players know how to get under one another's skin. Don't think those Ottawa players won't remember that.

I know fans would love the players to play at that high level all the time but it would be impossible to do that when they play 84 games in about 190 days in the season. In the playoffs they play every other day at least.

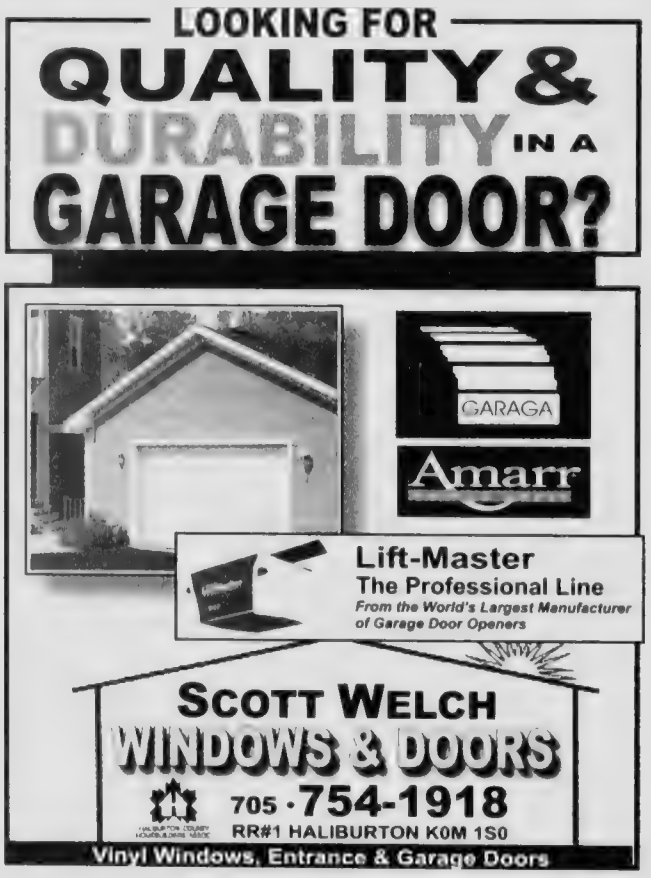
I think the biggest factor that makes the hockey so great is that the referees let the boys be boys and they let them play good old Canadian hockey. I think that the powers to be who run the NHL, people like Gary Bettman, Colin Campbell and a committee of NHL general managers have changed too many rules and in the season they instruct them to call every little infraction. I can't believe that there is a rule that states that if a player slashes another player's stick and it breaks, he automatically gets a penalty. Could you imagine that in the seventh game overtime? Players slash at other players' sticks to knock the puck off their stick. The ref has to use some common sense. During the season, the 'powers to be' make the refs call everything and in the playoffs it is like another set of rules they lay down and they let the players play. At the level they play at in the playoffs, the league would have to build bigger penalty boxes if they referee the game as they do in the regular season.

The game on Friday, the Leafs against the Flyers, should be a great game. I hope the refs put their whistle in their pockets and let the players play and have fun.

I will close my column this month with a few of my thoughts on my good friend, Don Cherry. There are a lot of people who don't like Don's opinion but I do and I think he will be missed on Coaches Corner. I know a lot of people who don't watch a lot of the games but always tune in to Coaches Corner.

People must understand that Don is not quite as loud and opinionated in real life. Don't forget it is TV and CBC loves the rating. Don told me a few years ago that it was coming to an end because they were starting to tell him what he could discuss and what he couldn't. That is not Don Cherry's style. Don is the type of guy that could come in to McKeck's and have a few beers and would enjoy talking with the locals about hockey for hours. The next day he would go to the Legion and sit around and have a beer with the vets and discuss the past.

Believe me, if you knew Don Cherry like I do, you would understand he is truly a great guy and great Canadian. I firmly believe he will be missed on Coaches Corner. But, there is a positive to him leaving. He might have time to come up to Haliburton and have a few beers in McKeck's with the boys and also visit the Legion.



Urban Legends — *The Crying Baby*

A woman claimed she heard a crying baby on her porch one night so she called the police. The police told her "whatever you do, do NOT open the door." The lady then said that the baby had crawled near a window and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The police said, "we already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, DO NOT open the door." The woman was told that a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside of their doors when they're home alone at night.

Comments: This much-forwarded Urban Legend originated in or around Baton Rouge, LA, where a serial killer hunted by authorities for the murders of at least four women since September 2001 eluded capture for nearly two years.

Another rumour circulating at roughly the same time alleged that a man posing as a good Samaritan (possibly the serial killer) had attempted to gain entry to a Louisiana woman's vehicle by appearing at her window holding a $5 bill, which he claimed she had dropped.

Newer variants of this rumour (late February 2003) claim serial killers in other U.S. cities, including Houston and Little Rock, are using the crying baby trick. In May 0f 2003, suspected serial killer Derrick Todd Lee was arrested in Atlanta – he was the suspect in the Baton Rouge Serial killings.

In October 2003, new variants appeared in southeastern Australia alleging that a serial killer using recordings of a baby's cries to lure victims had murdered two women in Sydney and moved on to Melbourne.

Sneaker Day May 7th In Minden & Now In Haliburton

Grab your sneakers, slip 'em on and join many others in this year's annual Sneaker Day walk in Minden taking place May 7.

This is the 10th year for this fun event that last year saw hundreds of participants. The fun all begins at 11 a.m. at the Gazebo (town bridge) in Minden. Organized walks leave every 15 minutes until 1:30 p.m

There will be free refreshments and draw prizes.

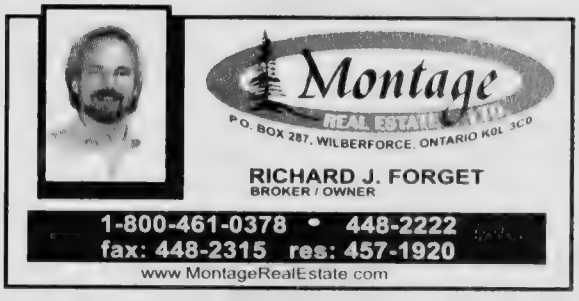
Anne-Marie Cyr of the HKPD Health Unit says the event is very popular and growing every year. "It has become a celebration for spring – for getting outside and enjoying the weather and health." It is neither a fund raiser nor a competition, but rather, Sneaker Day promotes walking to improve health. It is a happy ramble along Minden's wilderness trail.

Although not a competition, some area businesses do partake in friendly challenges between workplaces.

"It's become quite an event," exclaims Anne-Marie. There is a bag piper who pipes the first set of walkers off to a start.

Also, this year will see the resurrection of Sneaker Day in Haliburton, which has been idle for a few years. The walk starts at noon at the town docks, and will feature the unveiling of the proposed head lake trail. You will also have a chance to walk the proposed trail on this day. The event in Haliburton is organized by the trails and tours network and sponsored by Health For Life. The event in Minden is organized by the Sneaker Day Committee and also sponsored by Health for Life

Be sure to come out and enjoy a walk with others and see why so many come back year after year.



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This show is known as a relaxed fun show where people enjoy good times and find great deals. It's a great opportunity to talk with local contractors and trades people about your projects or problems and to discuss some good prices for off-season work.

You Will See Many Show Specials On Large Ticket Items & Decorating & Renovating

You will see many "Show Specials" on large ticket items like appliances and furniture and major decorating or renovating items. It's a great place to shop for gifts or to find that special item you've been searching for. The Haliburton Curling Club, who hosts the huge food, beer, and entertainment tent, sponsors the Haliburton Home Show. Canoe FM will also be broadcasting live from the show.

Parking is free and admission is a mere $2 for adults, which is good for the entire weekend and enters you into many free draws throughout the weekend. Children are free. The show is always well attended, as it is a great opportunity to see what's new on the market and learn new tricks of the trades. It's a great opportunity to also get out and see friends and make new ones.

Doors to the show open on Friday afternoon at 4pm and runs to 9pm. Saturday 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. If you are a business that would like to be a part of the show, you can still reserve space, but you best hurry as the show is fast approaching. To reserve booth space or for more info contact show manager Wayne Hussey at 457-2892.

Be sure not to miss this wonderful weekend event. You are sure to have fun. The Highlands Communicator will have a booth set up again this year and once again we look forward to meeting more of our readers and advertisers. We will welcome any comments or suggestions from you and be sure to enter our free draws for some great prizes. See you at the show!

The Highlands Communicator is now bi-weekly. We will be publishing every two weeks during the busy season!!

In The Garden with Bonnie

Submitted by Bonnie Pentney, Master Gardener

Too Early To Plant Annual Flowers Or Vegetables? No, Try These

How many fellow gardeners like me just can't wait to get out into the garden and plant something. This past winter has seemed to be longer and colder to me than last year, but then again every year I think the same thing. Now that spring is here I have an urge to be outside in the fresh air digging in my gardens, and if I start right now I might get some planting done before those hungry black flies show up.

Try these ***cool season annual*** selections planted directly into your garden or containers. All these annuals will take some light frost, so are perfect choices for the cooler temperatures we receive in early May.

Pansy's, sweet peas, calendula, violas, snapdragons, dianthus, petunias, million bells, geraniums, ivy's, sweet alyssum, stock, lobelia, dusty miller, salvia, dracena, diascias, osteospernium, and verbena.

If you have a vegetable garden plant these ***cool season vegetables*** as soon as the ground can be worked. Test by picking up a handful of soil, squeeze the soil into a ball, and then see if the soil crumbles apart when gently pressed. If the soil stays in a wet hard clump it's too soon. Wait a few more days and test the soil again. The only vegetable you might have to worry about is potatoes. If the potatoes have leafed out just hill them up with soil if a heavy frost is expected.

Potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, beets, parsnips, peas, asparagus crowns, turnips, onion sets, chives, spinach, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, swiss chard, and leeks.

GOOD LUCK!

Stanhope Garage Sale & BBQ Returns

It's coming back! Your chance to nab some great treasures, as well as enjoy some delicious bbq'd food at the 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale and BBQ in Stanhope on May 22

The event begins at 8 a.m. and goes to noon, so you best get there early for all the deals. It's all taking place under the picnic shelter on North Shore Rd., behind the fire hall in Stanhope.

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GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS: Stephen Albert McCallister, 37, of Medford, Ore., was snowboarding with a friend but they lost contact with each other. The ski patrol searched, but never found him. McCallister managed to hike out after two days, but in the meantime his car was stolen from the ski hill's parking lot. He was taken to the hospital and declared in good condition, but when he finally arrived home, he discovered the place had been burgled. The police came to investigate, but a routine check turned up a warrant for McCallister's arrest on drug charges and they took him to jail.

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Pump Priming

Hello again. This month's topic is for the seasonal residents of the Highlands but may be of interest to anyone who has ever primed a pump.

Opening the cottage is an event that will test the skill (and patience) of the person elected to perform this yearly function. Mother Nature will not be fooled and she can be cruel to a water system that was improperly shut down. You will soon find out.

First, you have your intake line. Make sure it is free of obvious damage and is suspended in a suitable water supply, meaning away from the dock and weedy areas and about two feet off the bottom. The foot valve at the end of the intake line is often the reason your pump won't hold it's prime so be sure to mark its location with a floating buoy. Aha, so that's what those fake ducks are doing.

Buried lines might even be frozen still so if yours is a drilled well, dug well or sand point, you may either have to wait or have your line steamed open to get water.

Now the pump. If you have a submersible pump you can skip this part. Turn off the supply valve to your cottage and replace the drain plugs in the pump. Pour water in the top opening, loosely screw in its plug and turn the pump on. If your intake line is healthy the pressure will build and the pump will shut off. It may take a few tries to prime your pump but usually a five-gallon pail of water will be enough to get things going. Now you can open the cottage supply valve and you have running water again. Where it's running is part of the fun.

When your system is watertight, be sure to fill the water heater completely before turning on the power to it. Replace filters, clean out aerators and showerheads and you're free to enjoy one of mankind's greatest achievements...a hot shower.

On the drain side of the plumbing system is an often overlooked problem regarding the air quality inside the cottage. When shutting down in the Fall, I recommend filling the sink traps with plumbing antifreeze rather than draining them because that familiar "cottage smell" is due to sewer gas blowing freely into your living space over the winter.

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Have You Ever Wondered?...

What causes the "washboard" effect on unpaved roads?

The phenomenon you refer to is known as "washboarding," a wave-like pattern on unpaved roads that might more aptly be called speedbump hell. As you've observed, the ruts occur with striking regularity, belying a chaotic event like erosion.

According to Tom Pettigrew, a Forest Service engineer, the cause is an unlikely source: your car's suspension. (Well, maybe not yours specifically, but it's not innocent in this matter, either.) A vehicle's suspension system distributes the shock and energy of road irregularities with a bouncing rhythm called harmonic oscillation. At each downstroke, the wheels exert extra force on the road, causing the particles in the road to either pack or displace at regular intervals. Once a pattern of ruts starts to establish itself, it becomes self-reinforcing due to what engineers call forced oscillation. The next car hits the same irregularities in the road and bounces at the same rate, causing the pattern to become more and more defined. Forced oscillation overcomes minor variations in oscillation rate that might otherwise arise due to differences in car weight.

Wouldn't variations in speed affect the washboard pattern? Sure, which brings us to another critical part of the feedback loop: you, the driver. Drive too fast on a washboard road and the downstroke exerted by the car wheels may meet the road at a point where a bump is ramping upwards. You know what that means: You bounce off the ceiling. Instinctively most drivers slow to a speed at which the downstrokes coincide with the troughs between bumps, reinforcing the pattern.

Washboarding is inevitable in any unpaved road that sees fairly heavy traffic. The only way to avoid it is to: (a) radically redesign how automotive suspensions are made, (b) give up suspensions altogether, or (c) keep off those dirt roads.

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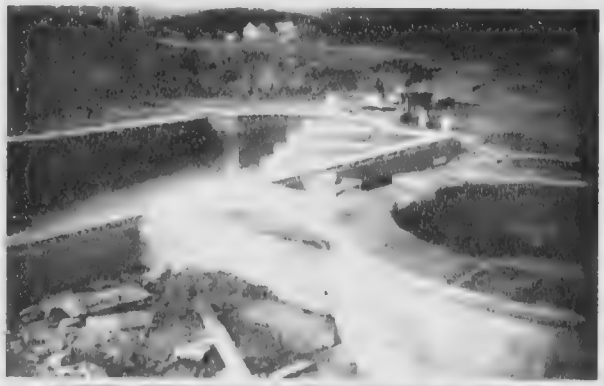

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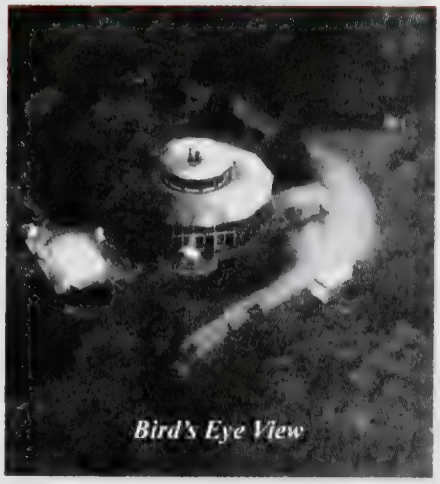
Dining and Entertainment

Stouffers Mill B & B: A Piece of Paradise In Haliburton County

by Robert Morfey

Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine what a real world class Bed & Breakfast should be like. I should think it would have privacy. In fact not being able to see the neighbours at all would be perfect. Of course a view would also be nice. Not an awesome view but a "take your breath away" view. And food. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so instant coffee and toast won't cut it here. What about a pool? Not everyone coming to the highlands longs to swim in the lakes with the fish and the turtles. Does such a place actually exist?

Yep. Right off Highway 35, 9 kilometres north of Carnarvon. It's where Don and Jessie Pflug (pronounced floog the P is silent) run their B & B called Stouffers Mill. To say its design is unique to the Highlands would be an understatement. The house's "dodecagon" design is not only the only one I have ever seen but it's the only one I have ever heard of. When you arrive, you may very well be greeted by Maggie, their very friendly German Shepherd. This is one B&B that allows guests to bring their well-behaved pets with them.



Bird's Eye View

The house was originally built in 1973 by Elgin Stouffer, from plans drawn up only in his head. He ran a sawmill out back. The present owners took occupancy in 1989 and in 1994 opened as a B&B and called it 'Stouffers Mill'

I was greeted warmly at the door by Jessie and as I apologized for my lateness she assured me it was fine. "We receive guests here at anytime during the day and if the other guests haven't left yet the new ones are welcome to spend time in the great room or out on the decks." she replied

Once inside you will be taken back in time by the décor. Their house is filled with restored antiques. In the corner of the great room is a carousel horse hand carved from an artisan of days passed. The other corner has a large spinning wheel. There is a large dining table and chairs surrounded by hutches filled with china. All lovingly restored. The coffee table is a turn of the century sleigh - just high enough to put your feet up on when you lay back on the couch. In the other corner sits a grand piano of which Jessie plays.

There is a large round center piece to the home made from stonework holding a fireplace with a spiral staircase attached that takes you to the second floor where the guest rooms are located. Each has their own private bathroom and walkout to a deck. One room contains walls filled with old family portraits - "The rogues gallery" Don tells me.

Don has laid wide plank pine flooring in the rooms with a dowelled

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Stouffer's Mill Offers Unbelievable Scenery Inside & Out

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look to them. The bathrooms each have been done in cherry flooring with large pedestal sinks. All the amenities are truly provided complete with the monogrammed Stouffers Mill Bathrobes. The walls of the home are old pine adorned with everything from photos to paintings.

The second floor is open to the first giving the large great room a lot of intimacy. The center column has a door with another spiral staircase leading to a third floor where you find the 360-degree view over Hall's Lake breathtaking.

Don explains, "because we are now well above the canopy of the hardwood forest that makes up the property the fall colour is spectacular". The home is sitting on over 130 acres. The 3rd floor is small and cozy and contains the best secret. A hot tub. I can only imagine what a dip in the tub would be like with this view, the right company and a glass of one's favourite bubbly. The room is decorated with a touch of whimsy including everything from a now vacated wasps nest to old tools, birdhouses and some hats used in the movie Anne of Green Gables.

The property contains trails that can be used by the summer/fall hiker and winter dog sledding, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Maggie the mascot German Shepherd has a trail named after her called Maggie's loop and will guide guests around. For those in search a little less strenuous exercise there is lounging by the pool on the large deck. The view of Halls Lake from there is also amazing. A BBQ is provided for those guests with a desire to cook their own dinner.

Jessie is quick to point out "we are not like other B & B's where guests get up in the morning and quickly eat and then leave to sight see elsewhere. We are a destination point". She continues, "a lot of our guests arrive on a Friday night and their vehicles never move until they leave on Sunday". Don points out, "most of our business is returning guests and their referrals. We even have three couples that come back every year together".

Jessie provides a home cooked breakfast complete with home-made pastries and real Maple syrup. "Make sure you put down that breakfast is a four course meal." Jessie asks The ambience and beauty of the home is paralled only by the pride of the owners. This is a B & B that lets you create new memories and a wish that time would fly by until your next visit

The third floor of this unusually shaped home is also a relaxing hot tub room with a fantastic view.

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FILTER PROCESS

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PLASTIC FANTASTIC

Use the plastic zippered bags that sheets and comforters come in to store clothes. You can even keep two or three of them in the kids' closets and toss in clothes that they outgrow. It saves time and space in their drawers and keeps the clothes clean. Once the bag is full it's ready for the charitable collection center.

STAR TREATMENT

Instead of buying glow-in-the-dark plastic stars or stickers for the kids' rooms, there is a cheaper way to create the night sky. Dab glow-in-the-dark paint on the tip of a skinny dowel and randomly tap the ceiling. The "dots" won't show during the day, but at night they glow and even seem to twinkle.

SOFT AND DRY

To make a cheap and comfortable kneeling pad, purchase two 8-foot lengths of 3/4-inch water pipe foam insulation for about $1.20 each. Cut each length of insulation into four pieces, giving you eight pieces. Use duct tape and tape the pieces together side by side (not stacked). This makes enough for a kneeling pad approximately 18-by-14-inches. It is not only cheap but also very comfortable, especially when working on cold or wet concrete floors, because the insulation keeps your knees warm.

MORE THAN JUST DIAPERS

Diaper wipes are an excellent dirt remover for wood. Slightly "oily," they clean up much more dirt than wood soaps or wood polishes. Some say they have come in very handy on paneling where children and dogs make a mess.

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Church Events

Gigantic Yard Sale

Haliburton United church
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Saturday, May 22 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information call 457-1891

Sounds of Spring

(A Musical Variety Concert)
Minden United Church
Sunday, May 30 – 7:30 p.m.
Admission $10, Children 12 & Under $5. Featuring: Highlands Male Chorus, Gentlemen of Song, Tri Vocals, plus Solos & Duets. Tickets available through Choir members, or at the Pharmasave Drug Store in Minden.

Haliburton VS England In Darts

On May 8th members of the Haliburton Legion will compete in a dart tournament against players from England. No one from our area is going to England and no one from England is coming here, so how is this possible? This annual International dart game will actually be held over the phone lines between the Legion and a pub over in England. How intriguing! There will be refreshments available. To learn more on this event and how it is done, contact Chris Briggs at 457-1724.

Legion Bus Trip to Flea Market

For a fun outing, and the possibility of finding that treasure you've always wanted, you really must join others in the upcoming Stouffville Flea Market Bus Trip with the Haliburton Legion Br. 129 Bingo Committee .

The bus is leaving Br. 129 Haliburton Legion at 8:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, June 19th .

Advance tickets only. The cost is $35.00 per person to be paid by May 28th. Free gift certificates will be given out upon arrival at Flea Market .

For more information please contact Barry Purpura at 457-2673

Highland Spring Symphony May 9th

The Highlands Wind Symphony presents its Spring Concert featuring soprano soloist Barbara Dunn-Prosser, at the Northern Lights Pavillion in Haliburton on Saturday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

Reserved tickets are available at Masters Bookstore in Haliburton, or at Pharmasave Drugstore in Minden.

Prices are $12 per adult, $6 for students and $25 for a family pass.

For more information about this event, you can contact Glen Carter at 457-2862.

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Somebody Said...

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother "Normal," is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct...somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring...somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good"...somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices...somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbour's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother...somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first...somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child rearing questions in the books...somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labour and delivery...somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten...or on a plane headed for military "boot camp."

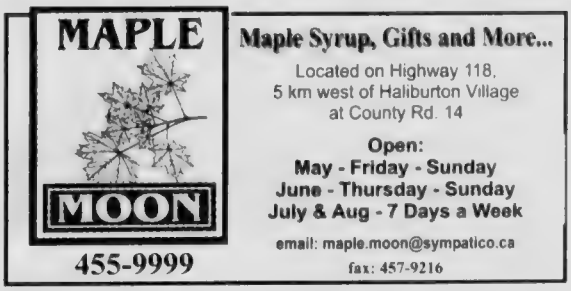
Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back...somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. ...somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home...somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her...somebody isn't a mother

Editors note: With that said... the editors of the Highlands Communicator would like to say to our mom's.. "We love you mom! You're the best!!"



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More About David Archibald:

An engaging and energetic performer, David Archibald has recorded on RCA and written for and performed on Sesame Street and Mr Dressup. His new musical Love and Larceny (co-written by Douglas Bowie) is on the playbill at the Thousand Islands Playhouse this summer. Archibald's other recent musical The Perilous Pirate's Daughter (co-written by Anne Chislett) was performed at the Blyth Festival and the Thousand Islands Playhouse in 2003 and will be in Saskatchewan in 2004

David was the producer on pop-star Avril Lavigne's first recording session. He is also a familiar voice on CBC radio. His multi-media shows include: Spirit of the Inland Seas (Great Lakes marine heritage), Farmsteads to Frontlines (rural Ontario's involvement in global conflicts, Legends and Lore of the Charleston Shore (cultural heritage of Charleston Lake Provincial Park).

He has had his compositions performed by the Kingston Symphony and has written and performed a one-person show entitled Schbert: The Man and His Music with the Genesee Symphony in New York.

For more information about the Friends of the Frost Centre, see www.frstcentre.on.ca or call Carla at (705) 766-1399

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FROST CENTRE!

2004 marks the Frost Centre's 30th anniversary. In celebration of 30 years of excellence in education and training, they are seeking stories and anecdotes to share the memories of the Frost Centre. Please email: frostcentre@mnr.gov.on.ca

Join In Home Support Annual Supper Meeting Featuring Guest Speaker Fay Wilkinson

Haliburton County Home Supports' annual General Meeting is being held Thursday June 3rd at Birch Point Lodge this year at 4:30 pm and will be followed by a social hour at 5:30 and a delicious sit down dinner at 6:00 pm. Seating is available and open to anyone who wishes to learn more about Home Support and support the fundraising dinner.

This year features local guest speaker Fay Wilkinson of Creative Cocoon. Fay has a reputation of being a dynamic and entertaining speaker as will as and effective and fun motivational trainer. She has been invited to speak at conferences all around the world for major corporations including IBM and Bell Canada. Fay will take you on a playful journey helping you to ignite your sparks of creativity.

Seating is limited to around 80 people so be sure to get your tickets fast from the Home Support office for $25 each in person or call the office at 457-2941.

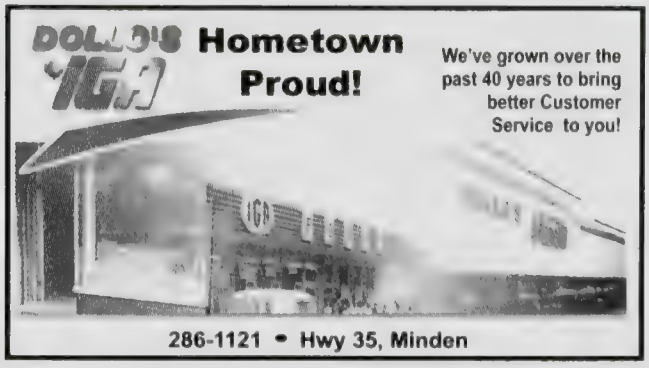
Police Volunteer Dinner Features Mouthwatering Roast Beef

Get ready to enjoy a delicious dinner at the annual Wilberforce & Area Police Volunteer Association Annual Roast Beef Dinner scheduled for May 22. The event is the only fundraiser all year for the association. The volunteer police have a membership of over 100 and are responsible for checking on over 1500 cottages in the area between Harcourt and Tory Hill. They run routine patrolling on foot, vehicle and ATV's, and also assist the fire departments when called upon.

The fundraising dinner will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 5 – 7 p.m. and the cost to enjoy this tasty meal is $10 for adults and $5 for children 5 – 10 years of age. Last year 150 lbs of roast beef was deliciously prepared and served to approximately 230 who attended. Gerda (the roast beef chef) has a secret way of preparing the beef that will have your mouth watering for more. If you attended last year, then you know what I mean, and if you haven't, trust me… your stomach will love you for it!! Be sure to attend!!

Fundraiser Dinner & Dance on May 8th For Emergency Services & Haliburton County Victims Services

There will be some fun happening at on May 8th as the Haliburton County Emergency Services and Haliburton County Victims Services are having a fundraising dinner and dance at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets are $20 for dinner and dance and $10 for just the dance. The reception is at 6p.m, dinner is at 7 p.m., and the dancing gets underway at 9 p.m. Local rock and roll (Beatles, etc.) band "Edgar Wyllie" will perform as the entertainment and there will be prize tables and a silent auction with bigger ticket items. Tickets are available in advance at the Haliburton Ambulance base (457-2181) or the Minden base (286-2424) or by calling 457-1616. You can also get tickets at the door. Here's a great opportunity to have fun and help a great cause at the same time.



Victorian Tea Time

Enjoy an afternoon of fancy sandwiches & delicate desserts, while you are entertained in the Bowron Log Home during the Minden Hills Museum Victorian Afternoon Tea being held May 12. A complimentary Cookbook is included for those who attend. Reservations are a must. You can book by calling 286-3154.

Little Hawk Resort & Marina Ready To Open Doors:

Former Lodge Destroyed by Fire

Sixty thousand man hours and over half a million nails-that's what it took to complete Little Hawk Resort and Marina's marquee main lodge which is located on Little Hawk Lake at the end of Halls Lake Rd off Hwy 35 north of Carnarvon.

The 6400 square foot retreat replaces the former lodge, which was destroyed by fire in October 2003. Housed in the grand building is a full service store 'Purser's Provisions', providing fresh baked goods, nautical gifts, fishing supplies and convenience items. The new lodges pub, 'The Warf Tavern,' comfortably sits 50 people in its spacious booth seating interior and outside on the lakeside deck. The main building also includes and exercise room and several Jacuzzi suites that complement eight two and three bedroom cottages which dot the five-acre paradise. Last year Little Hawk Resort and Marina was decorated by the Globe and Mail as one of Ontario's recommended getaway retreats. The $1 million face-lift it has recently undergone puts it in a class unto its own.

Proprietors Julie and Todd Boyd took ownership of the facility in September 2003, only one month prior to the original lodge burning down. The couple lost everything they had in the fire including six of their seven pet cats in the fire. Never losing faith in their dreams of owning a resort, the couple rebuilt in the next several months. The couple has since positioned the restaurant, renovated the cottages and new facilities as a must try experience.

The Wharf Tavern is fast become one of the area's trendiest eateries and watering holes. In addition to providing unparalleled hospitality, the resort and it's new restaurant are the ideal combination for astounding dining and vacation escapes.

Julie Boyd, proprietor of the resort, has made the best of the situation, "Losing every business and personal effect you own, including pets that you love, is a devastating situation, but we knew we had to move forward." The Boyd's who live onsite and escaped the fire with just the clothes on their back, had just renovated all rental cottages, fortunately unharmed in the blaze. In addition to having outfitted each unit with new furniture and kitchenware. The cottages have been painted in a robust Bermuda style, and the rental units have had hardwood installed throughout.

The wharf Tavern is open right now Thursday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to10 p.m. and serves breakfast lunch and dinner. Some must try items on the menu include the Texas Chilli served with garlic toast (made as spicy as you want it), the Chicken Quesadillas, fish and chips (fresh Canadian Whitefish deep fried to perfection), shrimp and fish, Liz's lasagne, sizzling fajitas, stir fry's, half grilled chicken, spaghetti and meatballs and much more. You can view the menu on their website at www.littlehawk.ca.and see all the tasty choices. Starting June 11th the tavern will be open 7 days a week until September 6th.

Little Hawk Resort much to offer their guests from boating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, relaxing on the waters edge, sandy swimming and much more. There are always daily activities with the 'What's On' programme. All the cottages are newly renovated, fully winterized and furnished with woodstoves and fireplaces. Each immaculate, spacious cottage is equipped with a full kitchen, including a microwave, stove and fridge, a propane bbq and all the luxuries of home to make that special vacation meal in your cabin. Whether you choose to eat in the cottage or on the private deck, the view will take your breath away. For those looking for a real treat, ask about the honeymoon suite complete with a Jacuzzi.

Todd and Julie are originally from Etobicoke and Sarnia respectfully. Julie is a skilled cook with a hospitality background. By profession she is a chartered accountant and was a lecturer of business and hospitality studies at Bermuda College in Bermuda. Todd is also a chartered accountant and has a background in financial management. Most recently he has worked in Bermuda as the corporate controller for a group of companies focused in the hospitality and tourism industries. The couple were determined to change their career paths to create a life out of their passions.

Little Hawk Resort is a dream come true for the couple and they invite one and all to come and experience all they have to offer. To reach the resort or the tavern call 489-2158 or visit them on the worldwide web at www.littlehawk.ca. Or better yet, make plans to visit the Wharf Tavern and say hello to Julie and Todd. You'll be glad you did!

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Origins of Mothers Day

So who came up with the idea of honouring mothers nation-wide on the second Sunday in May?

EARLY CELEBRATIONS

Some historians claim that the predecessor of the Mother's Day holiday was the ancient spring festival dedicated to mother goddesses. In the ancient Greek empire the spring festival honoured Rhea, wife of Cronus and mother of the gods and goddesses. In Rome the most significant Mother's Day-like festival was dedicated to the worship of Cybele, another mother goddess. Ceremonies in her honour began some 250 years before Christ was born. This Roman religious celebration, known as Hilaria, lasted for three days - from March 15 to 18!

INTEREST STARTS IN THE UNITED STATES

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) is credited with originating our Mother's Day holiday. She never married and was extremely attached to her mother, Mrs. Anna Reese Jarvis. Mrs. Jarvis was a minister's daughter who for 20 years taught Sunday School in the Andrews Methodist Church of Grafton, West Virginia. Miss Jarvis graduated from the Female Seminary in Wheeling, West Virginia, and taught in Grafton before moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with the rest of her family.

Anna Reese Jarvis died in Philadelphia in May of 1905. Still unmarried and left alone with her blind sister Elsinore, Anna missed her mother greatly. Two years after her mother's death (1907) Anna Jarvis and her friends began a letter-writing campaign to gain the support of influential ministers, businessmen and congressmen in declaring a national Mother's Day holiday. She felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while the mother was still alive. She hoped Mother's Day would increase respect for parents and strengthen family bonds.

THE FIRST MOTHER'S DAY

The first Mother's Day observance was a church service honouring Mrs. Anna Reese Jarvis, held at Anna Jarvis's request in Grafton, West Virginia, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 10, 1908.

Carnations, her mother's favourite flowers, were supplied at that first service by Miss Jarvis. White carnations were chosen because they represented the sweetness, purity and endurance of mother love. Red carnations, in time, became the symbol of a living mother. White ones now signify that one's mother has died.

OTHER MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCES

The first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by the governor of West Virginia in 1910. Oklahoma celebrated Mother's Day that year as well. By 1911 every state had its own observances. By then other areas celebrating Mother's Day included Mexico, Canada, China, Japan, South America and Africa. The Mother's Day International Association was incorporated on December 12, 1912, with the purpose of furthering meaningful observations of Mother's Day.

SO NOW WHAT?

If your mother is still alive, take care to shower her with special attention this Mother's Day. Visit her. Phone her. Send her a card. Give her flowers. Get her delicious chocolates (which just happen to be on sale for the unbelievable price of 50% off in V & S in Haliburton – Check it out… Great Prices on great chocolates!!) Buy her something you know she's been wanting. But don't wait until after her funeral to let her know how much you've appreciated her! Wear your red (or otherwise-coloured) carnation proudly.

YouDon'tSay

How Some Popular Phrases Came To Be

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

A Mother's Day Story...

This was sent in to The Communicator by Carol Simmons - Minden Hills Museum Curator. She received it via email and decided to pass it along. It's a great story – especially since it is Mother's Day time, so we decided to pass it along to our readers. It is touching. Have Kleenex ready… Here goes…

The Other Woman…

After 21 years of marriage, I discovered a new way of keeping alive the spark of love. A little while ago I started to go out with another woman.

It was really my wife's idea.

"I know that you love her," she said one day, taking me by surprise. "But I love YOU," I protested. "I know, but you also love her." The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother, who has been a widow for 19 years. The demands of my work and my three children had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, are you okay?" she asked. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. "I thought that it would be nice to spend some time with you, "I responded. "Just the two of us ?" She thought about it for a moment, then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our "date". She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our meeting.." We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First lady.

After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through the entrées, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. "It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small," she said. "Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favour," I responded. During the dinner we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary - but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you." I agreed. "How was your dinner date?" asked my wife when I got home. "Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined," I answered.

A few days later my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place my mother and I had dined. An attached note read: "Son, I paid this bill in advance. I was almost sure that I couldn't be there but, nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you."

At that moment I understood the importance of saying, in time: "I LOVE YOU" and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till "some other time."

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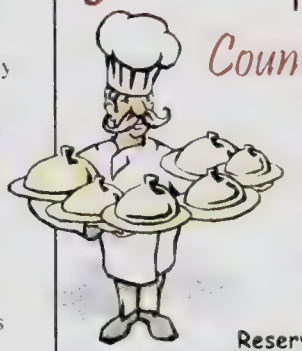

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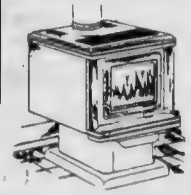

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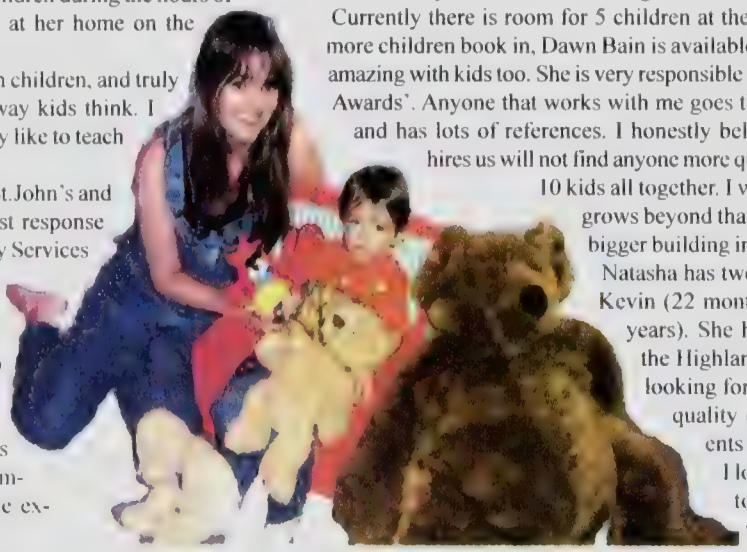
Natasha Open's Childcare Centre

"The kids will not just be put in front of a television set here, that's for sure..."

Are you a parent looking for a great place to have your child or children looked after during your busy schedule? Natasha Bunn's Childcare is now open and accepting children during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays at her home on the Harburn Road in Haliburton.

Natasha has extensive experience with children, and truly loves to be around kids. "I love the way kids think. I interact with them very well, and I really like to teach them," she says

Her qualifications include CPR with St.John's and Red Cross, plus E.E.R (emergency first response certificate). She has worked with Family Services operating a summer program, successfully ran a drama group, and ran a youth group (for 5 years in Gooderham with 40 youth attending per night). She also served on the Gooderham volunteer fire department for 5 years. "Family Services still contacts me to do stuff but it's hard to find the time now, and I'm committed to my childcare here now," she explains



Natasha's Childcare offers all meals and healthy snacks in her fees, and has lots of educational games, toys and programs for kids. "The kids will not just be put in front of a television set here that's for sure," she exclaimed. The childcare is also fully equipped with cribs and playpens. "We have everything needed here. I'll play sports and do crafts with the kids. We have a swimming pool being installed this year too. They won't be bored," she adds. Of course the daycare is a non-smoking environment.

Currently there is room for 5 children at the Childcare but should more children book in, Dawn Bain is available to help out. "Dawn is amazing with kids too. She is very responsible and has all her 'Mother Awards'. Anyone that works with me goes through a police check and has lots of references. I honestly believe that anyone who hires us will not find anyone more qualified. We can handle 10 kids all together. I won't cram kids in. If it grows beyond that we can expand with a bigger building in the future."

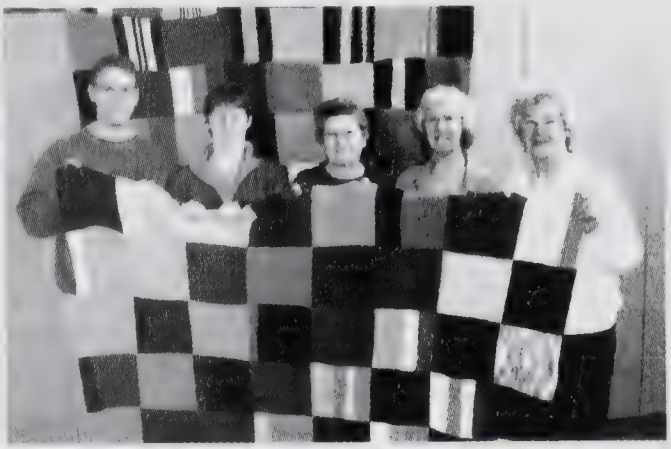
Natasha has two children of her own, Kevin (22 months), and Raymond (6 years). She has been a resident of the Highlands for 16 years and is looking forward to providing top quality child care for her clients in the area. "It's what I love to do, and it's great to be on my own and working from home. I will be happy to work with peoples schedule too."

To find out more about the new childcare and schedule your child, call 457-5334.

'Knitting for Warmth' Finishes 225th Blanket

Volunteers knit squares for blankets as part of community outreach program

There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes almost each and every day in our county that are for a good cause – many things we are not even aware of – yet the many people involved give of their time and talents week after week. One such group of people are those involved in 'Knitting For Warmth'.



'Knitting For Warmth' is a Highland Hills Outreach Community Project that has been operating out of the basement of the Minden United Church for over two years. The group of volunteers get together each and every Tuesday afternoon and assemble blankets. The blankets are distributed to the needy in cases of hardship - to keep them warm.

Some of the recipients of the blankets include; Children's Aid, Special delivery of SIRCH, YWCA, 4C's, Minden Food Bank, Fire Departments, VCARS, Senior Citizen Home residents and others likewise

Pictured with a newly made blanket is, l - r: Max Ward, Lorraine Tizzard, Pat Thornett, Lillian Mann, and Ruby Parcells-Craig.

A Mildstone:

The Knitting For Warmth Group has just completed its 225th blanket since its inception. The group receives squares from many people in the community who enjoy knitting in their spare time. There are many participants from different churches, patients in hospitals, children learning to knit, senior citizens, summer cottagers, community living residents and others. The squares, approx 8' x 11' are donated to the group who assemble the blankets.

The group would like to thank all who donate squares, and say they are always looking for more squares and extra wool. If you would like to donate squares, perfect knitting is not necessary. "These blankets aren't always beautiful or perfectly symmetrical, they're for warmth," says volunteer Lillian Mann. The group also welcomes any volunteers who would like to help out in the church on Tuesdays with the assembly. "It's a good social afternoon," adds Lillian.

If you would like to help in this very worthy cause in any way or find out more about the Knitting For Warmth Program please call Mary Trepanier at 286-5173.

Walk for Food & Fun - May 8th

The Minden Agricultural Society, sponsors of the Haliburton Country Fair, are having a "Walk for Food and Fun" on May 8th at 10 a.m. at the Minden fairgrounds. Proceeds from the event are raised through sponsors and pledges and all monies raised are earmarked for the Minden Food bank and the fair. To find out more and get a pledge sheet, call Maxine at 286-2008, or Elizabeth at 489-1098.

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The cost of a fishing licence is $22 for a regular licence and $13 for a conservation licence if you already have your outdoors card. If you need an outdoors card, it is an additional $6. A one-day pass is $10. The free family fishing day this year is the weekend of July 9th to 11th. Contact your local sporting goods or fishing store to get all the regulations you need, and good luck fishing this year.

Spot The Differences

Can you spot the 9 differences in these two pictures?

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, throughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming... Wow! What a ride!!

For The Kids....

Minden Story Time

The Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library offers Story Time and Crafts on Saturday May 8 & 29th from noon to 12:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please call the Minden Branch at 286-2491 or the Library Administrative Office at 457-2241.

Gooderham Story Time

Every Wednesday at the Gooderham Branch there is Story Circle beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Branch is located on Pine Street in Gooderham. Call 457-2241 or 447-3163 for more details.

Wilberforce Story Time

Story Time is also offered at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Pyjamas welcome. Call 448-2510 or 457-2241 for more information.

Wilberforce Youth Baseball

The Loop Minor Softball Association would like to extend an invitation to all children ages 4-12 to play ball!!

The first game of the season will be taking place on May 31st, which is also official registration day. Registration is $20. All children ages 4-8 register and play at 6 p.m., and all children ages 9 – 12 are to register and play at 7 p.m

This is a fun, non-travelling league for the kids with games held every Monday evening from May 31st to mid August. There may be a few games in Harcourt, but that is the extent of travel. There is a BBQ awards night also held in Harcourt to end the season.

Come on out and have some fun!! If you have any further questions, you can call Ken or Sheryl Riley at 448-2864.

Minden Youth Baseball

Group Hoping To Start New League for Kids in Minden

Calling all youth ages 4 to 18 who are looking for something to do this summer. Efforts are underway to resurrect the Minden Softball League this season. For years there was a league in Minden but it fizzled out for the most part in 1998. Minden residents Nancy Walker and Mary Coltman would like to hear from any youth or the parents of kids who would like to play this summer. Coaches are also needed. All going well the league will play Thursday evenings around 6:30 pm. The organizers would ideally like to have four age groups.

"We've been getting positive feedback so far, especially from older kids," says Mary. "There's not a lot for the kids to do in the summer, so we think this should be good. There's an adult league that gets 150 people out so why not the kids?" Nancy also notes that all skill levels are welcome from beginner to advanced. "It's for fun."

There may be a small fee for the kids but all equipment is there and the kids need only to bring a glove and a smile. Organizers plan to start the league play at the beginning of June and run it to the end of July, and possibly longer. To find out more and express your interest in registering your child or becoming a coach for the league, please contact Nancy at 286-1548 or Mary at 286-3624.

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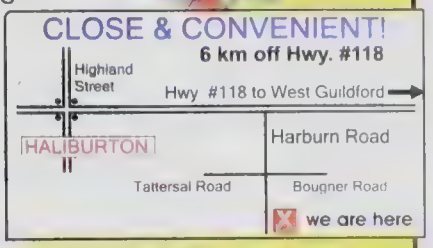

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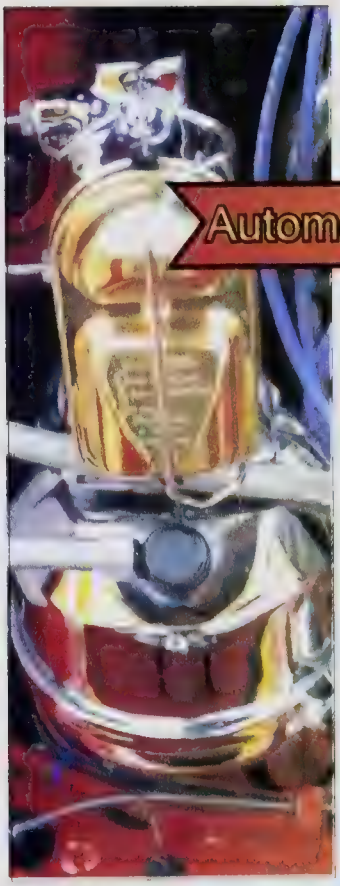

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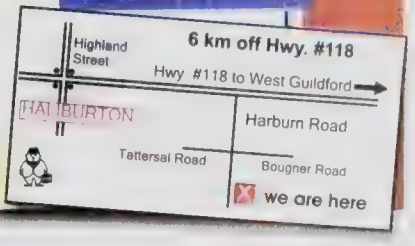

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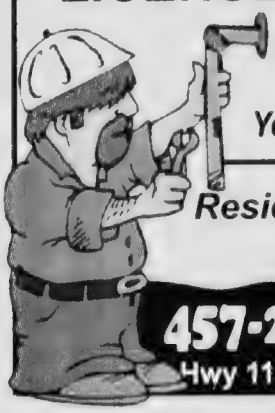

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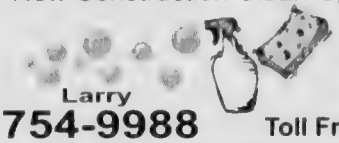

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We've got a great contest up for grabs this issue where you have the chance to win 3 great prizes from three great local businesses we have done features on in this issue. Simply read the stories listed and answer three questions pertaining to each. Write your answers down on paper and send them to us. One lucky winner will be drawn from all correct entries and take the winnings! Don't forget to include your mailing address, name and phone #.

Story #1- Page 42-43 Stouffers Mill B&B

1. Where is the B&B located?
2. What kind of design is the house?
3. How many courses is the breakfast?

Story #2 Page 48 Little Hawk Resort and Marina

1. How many nails did it take to complete the new lodge?
2. What are the Wharf taverns hours currently?
3. What is the website for the resort?

Story #3 Page 32, 33 Exquisite Nails and Esthetics

1. Where is Laureens business located?
2. How many years has Laureen been in the nail business?
3. What school did she open?

Winner receives a one night stay at Stouffers Mill B&B, dinner for two at the Wharf Tavern, and a free session at Exquisite Nails and Esthetics where you or a guest will be treated to a free manicure, pedicure and facial treatment. What a bonus!! Valued at over $250. Send your entries to The Communicator, Box 332. Wilberforce, On. K0L 3C0, or fax 448-1995 or email: highlands@thecommunicator.ca Good luck!

Deadline for entries is may 17th.

Alaska Sold by Russia... Oops...

Okay... in the last issue we made a boo boo. Under the believe it or not, it was stated that Canada sold Alaska to the U.S. when in fact it was sold to the U.S. from Russia. Here's some more info that we dug up and found interesting about the topic.

When Alaska was bought by the USA from Russia over 150 years ago the US Senate referred to it as a "Sucked Orange" as its popular fur trade seemed to be in decline... that was until the discovery of whales, salmon, gold, and finally oil.

From its original Eskimo residents through the Gold Rush, and more recently the ever increasing cruise trade, Alaska is an exciting land full of history and great activity. From the icy seas of the Bering Strait that freeze and create a temporary bridge between the U.S. and Russia through to the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in its skies, Alaska boasts much natural beauty. This beauty extends to its abundant wildlife, including bears, salmon, whales and seals, through to over 400 species of birds, proving it to be an excellent location for animal lovers to spend some time. The plants and flowers of Alaska are also extremely abundant and diverse owing to Alaska's proximity to Asia and its particular climate, featuring over 1,700 varieties of flowering plants alone.

With its diverse residents including many Inuits, Eskimos and Russian Alaskans, not to mention the descendants of the Gold Rush pioneers, it is a land of rich cultural heritage and tradition.

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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts.!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

The Skeleton Ghost

This photograph was taken by Alan Lewis who was a student at Geneseo State University of New York in 1985. The circumstances of why the photograph was taken seem to surround unexplained sounds and apparently seeing an indentation in the bed as though some unseen person was sleeping in it. Strange drafts were also felt by many in the room. One evening, the student was shocked to look up and see a very life-like apparition of a male youth wearing a striped rugby shirt, his head tilted to one side. Objects were very often moved and cold spots experienced. This photograph is an enlargement and shows a skeletal figure to the right of the young man in the poster. This is only one of a handful of such images where no figure shows up but only the skeleton! The ribs, spinal cord and pelvis can clearly be seen in this image! It was captured with a 35MM camera.

To see the skeleton you must look very closely to the right of the guy . If at first you don't see it, keep looking... you will spot it.

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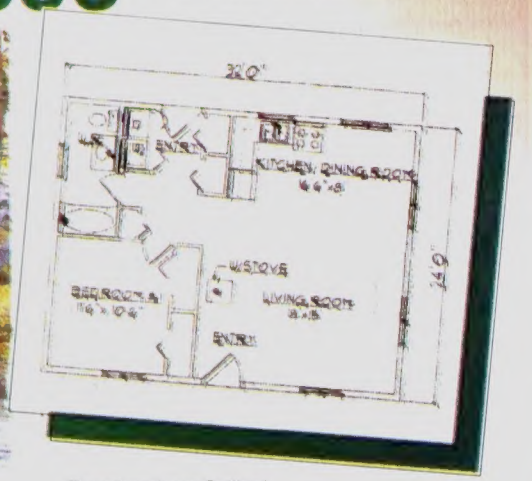

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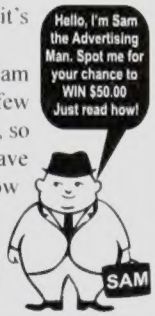

The first correct answer pulled from entries received wins $50! It's that easy and it's fun too!

There were 15 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads; Roberts-Austin Feuls, Blacks Garage, Mckee Security, System Software, Churko Home Furniture, Minden Hearing Service, Home Support Services, The Millpond Restaurant, Soft Stuff, Can Q. Inc., Hal. Home & Vacation Show, J.K. Services, Ont The Level Contracting, Highland Electric, Mark Evans Plumbing.

The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is Lindsay MacLean of Minden

The winner of last month's draw for accomodation for two for an evening at Pringles Cove is Roger Pockett of Haliburton.

Who Dun-it Solution

Detective Minden knew that there was no way her husband could receive mail that day becuase it was Thanksgiving (a holiday), and mail isn't delivered on holidays.

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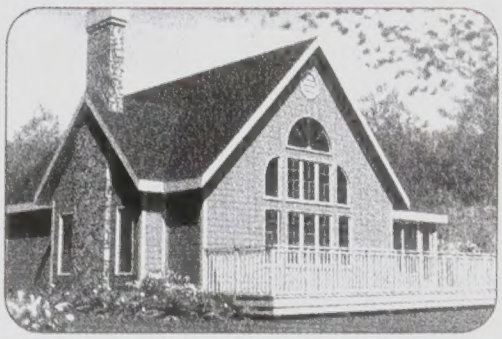

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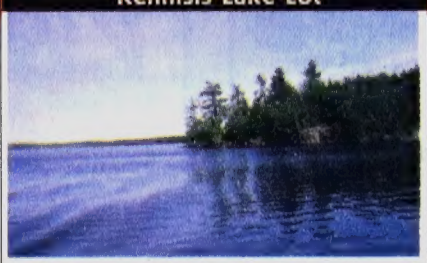
Kennisis Lake Lot



One of the best lots on Kennisis Lake. 550 ft. of frontage and 5.5 acres of mature forest to roam in. Several choice building sites. Smooth rock access into water. Unbelievable big lake and island view. Year round road and in area of executive style cottages. **$545,000.00**

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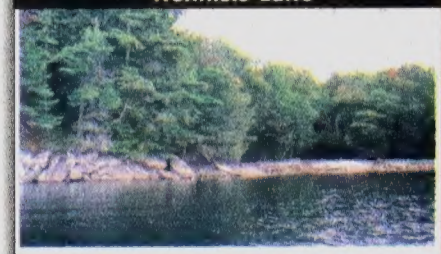
Kennisis Lake



Ideal building lot, 2 acres with 250 ft frontage on Kennisis Lake with big lake view. Area of prestigious cottages. Well treed and private. Sand and rock shore and deep water. Year round road with hydro at road. **Asking $269,000.00**

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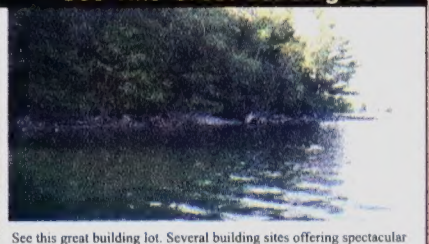

See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennisis Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft. shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered area for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at **$575,000.00**

Private Lake - 129 Acres

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Southern Exposure

Southern exp. with great view of Kennisis Lake. Well maintained property with good privacy. Furnished 3 bdrm cottage fully winterized & also a cabin. All wood interior, cathedral ceilings, carpet through out. Full wall fireplace, and electric baseboard. Lge DR & kitchen for entertaining. Deck on 2 sides gives lot of space to sun or entertain. Deck and dock at waters edge. Call for more info **$399,000.00**

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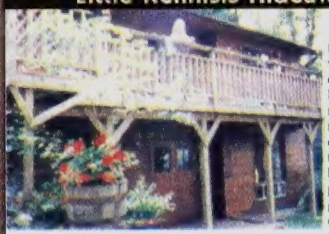

1.9 acres, 210 ft frtg. Great waterfront, lg. docking system. Enjoy spectacular sunrises & glow of sunsets. Well treed priv. beautiful property. 30x50 garage, 13ft. ceilings, lg. common room above, ideal for hobby shop for Mom & Pops. 1648 sq' of living space, 2 bdrms on the main level, 3rd on the lower w/o level with family rm, TV area & laundy. Oak kitchen, open concept, oak floors with some carpet. Add to this property a bunkie/storage shed and being situated close to water's edge what are you waiting for. **$549,000.00**

New 1750 Sq. Ft. Cottage

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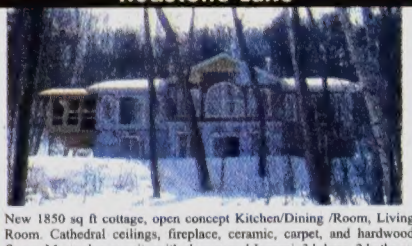
Redstone Lake



New 1850 sq ft cottage, open concept Kitchen/Dining /Room, Living Room. Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceramic, carpet, and hardwood floors. Master has ensuite with shower and Jacuzzi. 3 bdrms, 2 baths on main floor. Screened Halibuton rm off DR. Lower walkout level ready for development with patio doors and full size windows. Extensive outside decking. Forced air oil, and drilled well. Gradually to water. Good swimming. Lg lot with plenty of room for garage. **$497,000.00**

Little Redstone

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